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## Retired teachers moving to municipal healthcare plan

By Erin Dale  
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As he approaches his 81st birthday next Wednesday – the same day his son, Peter, turns 40 – retired shop teacher Patrick Plante is worried about his healthcare.

Specifically, what is going to happen to the medical benefits he has relied on since retiring in the early 1990s, which has enabled him to support his family of six?

"In my wildest dreams, I never thought I'd be on the threshold of my golden years" with his healthcare plan becoming an unknown.

**"Since last summer we've been meeting with the school committee, discussing ways of preserving the benefits we have extended to our retirees and employees."**

Selectmen Chairman Diane Kennedy

Plante attended the Tuesday, Feb. 24 Board of Selectmen meeting in the Cohasset High School library in which retired teachers were asked to vote on whether the town should switch retired teachers to the same healthcare provider that insures town employees.

On a fixed income, the idea of such a change – and possible increases

– frightens folks like Plante. He retired at a salary of just over \$30,000 a year, after 33 years in the Cohasset school system teaching an industrial arts and mechanical program to the town's "future engineers" – including NASA astronaut Steve Bowen.

While struggling to support his wife, Maria, with whom he has six children, on a monthly pension of

\$1000, Plante said his healthcare plan has made this manageable.

"I'm grateful our insurance coverage was stable" throughout the years, said Plante. But now, "I am very frustrated and ill at ease."

His son, Peter, is blind and disabled; Plante said his healthcare plan has allowed him to access "some of the most notable medical facilities throughout the years" in order to care for his son.

The retired shop teacher is petrified of switching to a new plan, wondering if his wife will continue to receive support if he dies

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## TOWN ELECTION

## Race likely

Three hats in ring  
for selectman

By Erin Dale  
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With all of the snow on the ground, Selectman Martha Gjestebly, 85, has been doing her own shoveling – but she's frustrated that she hasn't been able to go on her daily run.

However, Gjestebly is still running in a different sense – to continue serving on the Board of Selectmen in the May 9 Town Election.

"I love the town – I've lived here over 50 years," Gjestebly said when asked why she would like to run again. Gjestebly is vying for reelection to keep her seat, which she won three years ago. It was a return to a board she spent three prior terms – a total of nine years – on in the past.

"We have lots of things we're doing, and I'm hoping to have positive outcomes," she said.

Gjestebly is also an active member of Cohasset's Community Garden Club and has also served on the School Committee, Capital Budget Committee, and Planning Board.

In 2012, Gjestebly said she was returning to town politics to live out her belief that board seats should be contested.

Three years later, the octogenarian said she is happy to learn that's exactly what's happening with her seat. Two other town board members – Advisory Committee chairman Peter Pescatore and School Committee chairman Dr. Paul Schubert – are running against

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## Mom on the move



Meaghan Barry delivers her son Thomas, 4, to the South Shore Community Center, while carrying 1-year-old Nolan through the busy winter scene in Cohasset Village. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / CHRIS BERNSTEIN

## EVENT APPLICATION

## Wedding parking in public lot approved by selectmen

### Road closure request denied

By Erin Dale  
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The Board of Selectmen voted to approve the use of a town parking for an upcoming summer wedding – but not the road closure requested by the parents of the bride.

Christine and John Whoriskey appealed to the selectmen last month for permission to have their guests park in the Paul Pratt Library parking lot in order to walk to the

wedding reception, which is being held in a tent at their Ripley Road home.

The Whoriskeys also requested to have a portion of their street, at the corner of Ripley and North Main and the corner of Ripley and Sohler closed during the reception, which is expected to last from 6 p.m. to 11:30 or 11:45 on Friday, June 26.

The couple filled out an event application form that is required for any large-scale events being held in town. Christine Whoriskey told the selectmen during Tuesday night's meeting that there will

be approximately 175 guests at the reception.

The mother of the bride also told the board that only five other households would be affected by this event; the plan was to inform the neighbors after obtaining the board's permission.

The Whoriskeys also plan to hire a police detail to direct traffic. The purpose of the road closure was to help "eliminate congestion" during the event, said Whoriskey. And in the event of an emergency, "The police would let them right through," she said. "And the neighbors of course would be

free to come and go."

Given that the Library Trustees gave permission for the wedding guests to park in the library lot, the selectmen likewise gave their approval; however, the board would not sign off on a road closure for a wedding reception.

"I'm not inclined to approve that – I honestly think it would open us up to a can of worms," said selectmen chair Diane Kennedy.

"It's setting a precedent," said selectman Karen Quigley, adding that okaying this could lead to a slew of similar requests for parties or other

private events. "I could see quite a few people in town who have events of a size coming to us and wanting road closures."

Selectman Martha Gjestebly agreed. "I don't see why you need it anyway, because you have parking," she said. "You could walk down there" to the reception. Gjestebly added that she found the request "a little extraordinary."

Concern was raised over "making sure the guests know where they're going," and the typical Friday night flow of traffic "detracting from the

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The Cohasset Mariner caught up with Emily Davis, owner and teacher at Willow Creative Learning Center. If you see Emily around town, be sure to mention that you spotted her in Picture This! PHOTO/ERIN DALE

## Emily Davis

**Name:** Emily Davis.  
**Occupation:** Owner and teacher at Willow Creative Learning Center.  
**Best day of your life:** "The days my children were born."  
**Best vacation:** "Summers in the Catskill Mountains of New York."  
**Favorite season:** Fall.  
**Favorite holiday:** Christmas.  
**Favorite meal:** Shrimp scampi.

**Best book:** "Hard to pick just one! Right now I'm reading 'The Clementine Series' by Sara Pennypacker with my daughter and they are great!"  
**Best movie or actor:** "The Muppet movies."  
**Best TV show:** "The Tonight Show" starring Jimmy Fallon.  
**Best music, group or artist:** Jack Johnson, Raffi.  
**Fun fact:** "I grew up on an

old dairy farm in Cohasset."  
**Person you'd most like to meet:** "My husband's grandfather."  
**Goal:** "To not only be a positive role model for my children, but for the community as well."  
**Biggest worry:** "I'm a positive thinker. I tend to not worry much."  
**Best part of Cohasset:** "Toss up between Whitney Woods and my mom's yard."

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## COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

## Painting class for novices to start

The following programs will take place at  
3 North Main St. Call  
Cohasset Elder Affairs  
at 781-383-9112 if interested in attending events  
and activities or for more  
information.

Note: Although the  
office remains open, there  
will be no CEA activities  
or van service on days  
that Cohasset Schools are  
closed due to inclement  
weather.

Mondays, noon, **Downton Abbey**. Wondering  
what all the conversation  
is about? Cohasset Elder  
Affairs will show this PBS  
series, beginning from  
season one through season  
four. Two episodes will be  
shown each week. Bring  
lunch.

Tuesday, March 3, 10  
to 11:30 a.m. **One-Stroke  
Painting**. Five-week session  
taught by instructor  
Marilyn Leblanc. No  
experience necessary to  
learn this unique brush  
stroke. Cost is \$50 per session,  
plus cost of supplies.  
Reservations necessary.

Wednesday, March 11,  
10 to 11:15 a.m. or 1:30  
to 2:45 p.m. **Relaxation  
Hypnosis for Caregivers**

(and all others). Hypnosis  
can be used to help you  
gain control over anxiety  
or pain. Reservations  
required. \$8.

Thursday, March 12, 11  
a.m. **Thursdays with Mary  
and Jamie**. Join us before  
lunch and play trivia and  
bingo for prizes.

Wednesday, March 18,  
noon, **St Patrick's Day  
Luncheon**. at Willcutt  
Commons (new senior  
center). Corned beef and  
cabbage lunch. Guest  
entertainer, Mel Simons,  
formerly of WBZ. Irish  
songs, jokes, trivia. Buy  
your tickets now for  
\$7. Tickets must be purchased  
in advance no later than  
Thursday, March 12.

**New England Flower  
Show**: The CEA has a limited  
number of discounted  
tickets for \$16 available  
use March 11 through 15.  
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Stop by the office to  
purchase.

Thursday, March 19,  
noon,  
**Intergenerational Lunch**  
with the Deer Hill School  
fourth-graders.

Friday, March 20, **SHINE  
Consultation**. (Serving  
Health Insurance Needs

of Elders). Call for an  
appointment.

Friday, March 20, **Dental  
Hygienist**. Emma Lawson  
will perform routine teeth  
cleaning by appointment.  
Private pay or Mass  
Health. \$78.

Monday, March 23,  
noon **Special Downton  
Abbey Showing and  
Lunch**. This week we'll  
conduct our series showing  
at the Cohasset  
Historical Society. Watch  
a Downton episode, enjoy  
a light lunch and listen to  
Lynne DeGiacomo speak  
about the historical society's  
display of fashions from  
1912-1925. Reservations  
Required, \$6. Call no  
later than March 19.

Wednesday, March  
25, 11 a.m. **Fairing Way  
Presentation**. Fairing Way  
is a new 55+ retirement  
community in Weymouth.  
Learn about your options  
in senior living and enjoy  
a light lunch provided by  
Fairing Way afterwards.

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers**: April 1 through  
May 6, 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
This educational series is  
designed to help caregivers  
reduce stress, balance their  
lives and locate resources.

Sponsored by Cohasset  
Elder Affairs and Duxbury  
Council on Aging, the six-  
week class will take place  
on successive Wednesdays  
at Cohasset Elder Affairs,  
3 North Main St., Cohasset.  
Register no later than  
March 25 by calling Nancy  
Lafauce, Cohasset Elder  
Affairs, at 781-383-9112 or  
Donna Ciappina, Duxbury  
Council on Aging, at 781-  
934-5774, ext. 105.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS:

**Line Dancing**: Tuesdays,  
1:30 to 2:30 p.m., 3 North  
Main Street. Beginner to  
Beginner-plus. Helps posture  
and balance, improves  
memory skills and confidence.  
Drop-ins welcome.  
Fee is \$5.

**Sit to Get Fit**: Thursdays,  
10 to 11 a.m. Improve upper  
and lower body strength,  
flexibility and coordination  
from the comfort of one's  
chair. Fee is \$5.

**Second Friday Book  
Club**: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30  
p.m. Discussion, coffee and  
refreshments. Leaders are  
Addie McGrath and Sandra  
Murray.

**Knitting**: Drop in. Learners  
are welcome. Fridays  
from 1 to 3 p.m. Leader:  
Edna Finegan. Fee is \$3.

## South Shore Tide Chart

## COHASSET HARBOR (WHITE HEAD)

FEB.-MAR. 2015					HIGH				LOW					
		AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.				SUNRISE	SUNSET
Thursday	26	5:04	9.2	5:44	8.2	11:19	0.3	11:37	0.9				6:23	5:29
Friday	27	6:06	8.9	6:50	7.9			12:25	0.6				6:22	5:30
Saturday	28	7:10	8.8	7:53	7.9	12:39	1.1	1:29	0.6				6:20	5:31
Sunday	01	8:10	8.8	8:49	8.0	1:40	1.1	2:26	0.6				6:18	5:32
Monday	02	9:02	8.9	9:36	8.2	2:35	1.0	3:15	0.4				6:17	5:33
Tuesday	03	9:49	9.0	10:17	8.5	3:23	0.8	3:57	0.3				6:15	5:35
Wednesday	04	10:30	9.1	10:55	8.7	4:06	0.6	4:35	0.2				6:14	5:36
Thursday	05	11:08	9.2	11:30	8.8	4:46	0.4	5:11	0.1				6:12	5:37

Please be aware that all tide charts are really just predictions and assume average weather conditions.  
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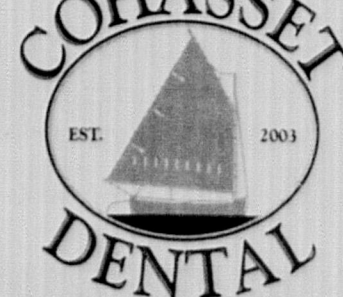
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## POLICE BEAT

# Wintry roads cause many crashes

By Mary Ford  
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## MVA

At 11:24 p.m. on Monday (Feb. 16), police responded to a single-car crash on North Main Street near the back entrance of the train station. A 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee, operated by a 24-year-old Hull man, was headed north when the Jeep hit a snow bank and flipped over. The driver was not injured and the Jeep had to be towed. The Hull man was cited for failure to drive in marked lanes.



This 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee was headed north when it hit a snow bank and flipped over on N. Main Street. COURTESY PHOTO

## MVA

Police said a 74-year-old Scituate woman driving a 2010 Hyundai sedan pulled off Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) into the driveway behind Stop & Shop around 6:54 a.m. on Monday (Feb. 16). A 2000 Chevrolet pickup truck, operated by a 58-year-old Scituate man, who had stopped in front of her,

backed up into the Hyundai causing front-end damage to the car. There were no citations because the mishap was on private property and neither vehicle had to be towed.

## MVA

At 7:52 a.m. on Monday (Feb. 16), a 2014 Mac Truck, operated by a 64-year-old Barre, Mass., man was headed to the

RTF on Cedar Street coming from the direction of Hull Street when the truck hit a 2009 Hyundai sedan head-on where the road narrows at the curve near 75 Cedar St. The Hyundai, which was towed, was operated by a 17-year-old Scituate boy.

There were no injuries. Police said snow banks and high snowdrifts were contributing factors in narrowing the road even

more and causing the accident.

## Garage damage

A 51-year-old Doane Street woman reported to police on Monday (Feb. 16) that when she returned home both her garage doors were collapsed in from a contractor pushing snow in her driveway toward the garage causing \$2,000 in damage. She

did not hire a private plow service, police said.

aid ambulances were all tied up on other calls.

## MVA

There was another accident last week on Atlantic Avenue near Sheldon Road. At 12:50 p.m. on Tuesday (Feb. 17), police responded to a two-vehicle crash at that location. A 2005 Toyota Corolla, operated by a 45-year-old Cohasset woman, was headed north toward the direction of Hull round the bend, when she was sideswiped by a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck.

Police said the two vehicles "rubbed doors" in the road that was narrowed due to snow banks. There was heavy damage to the Toyota and minor damage to the pickup that was operated by a 63-year-old Duxbury man. Both vehicles were inoperable and had to be towed from the scene. The Cohasset woman whose injuries were not life threatening, was taken to the hospital by Fallon ambulance as the Cohasset and mutual

## Dock missing

A 30 by 50-foot, composite boat dock on Little Harbor was taken away by last week's storm. The dock owner reported the dock valued at \$10,000 as missing on Thursday (Feb. 19.)

## ATVs

Police have had several reports of motorized vehicles on the Aaron River Reservoir. The vehicles are accessing the reservoir through Wompatuck State Park. They notified the Environmental Police who explained the activity is not illegal.

## Hit &amp; run

An employee the Post Office on Ripley Road notified police on Saturday (Feb. 21) that someone backed into his 1999 Dodge pickup truck, damaging the taillight and bumper. The offending vehicle took off without reporting the accident or leaving a note, police said.

## BRIEFLY

## Cohasset's Barrett to chair MBTA committee

This week, Governor Charlie Baker announced the formation of special panel to perform a diagnostic review of the MBTA.

According to a Mass. gov press release, the panel, which is made up of national leaders in transportation, economic development and municipal planning, has been charged with synthesizing recent MBTA studies, conducting a performance review, and examining the MBTA's core functions and benchmark results with other transit operations in order to ascertain the status of the system's governance, finances, and capital planning.

The panel is expected to complete its review by the end of March. The group of experts include Jane Garvey, a national leader in transportation policy and top pick for Secretary of Transportation in the Obama administration, Jose A. Gomez-Ibanez, the Derek C. Bok Professor of Urban Planning and Public Policy at Harvard University, and Katie

Lapp, former Executive Director and CEO for the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, North American's largest transportation network.

Paul Barrett of Cohasset was selected to chair the panel.

Barrett has over two decades of public service experience in state and local government, including serving as an Assistant Director for Harbor Planning and Development for the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and overseeing the Boston Municipal Harbor Plan under Mayor Raymond L. Flynn. Barrett was later named Director of the BRA, responsible for executive direction of Boston's planning, zoning and development activities. Following his service at the BRA, Barrett was named Secretary of Economic Development and Executive Director of the Rhode Island Port Authority by Rhode Island Governor Bruce Sundlun.

Look for more on this issue in an upcoming edition of the Mariner.

## ASSESSORS

## Real estate tax exemptions detailed

The Cohasset Board of Assessors Office is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2014 real estate tax exemptions. The qualification date is July 1, 2014 for all statutory exemptions. The deadline for filing is March 31, 2015. If you have filed for exemption since July 2014, it is not necessary to file again. The following exemptions are available:

### PERSONS OVER 70 YEARS OF AGE — \$2,000 OFF

Clause 41C — if annual income is less than \$18,000 (single person) or \$23,000 (married couple), and the value of your assets, excluding your home, is less than \$33,000 (single person) or \$35,000 (married couple) and must own and occupy for previous ten years.

### SURVIVING SPOUSE (no age requirement) — \$350 OFF

Clause 17D — also minors of deceased parents and persons over 70 years of age. There is no limit on income, but the value of your assets, excluding your home, must not exceed \$40,000 and must own

and occupy for previous five years.

### DISABLED VETERAN — \$800 OFF

Clause 22 — At least 10 percent disabled as determined by the Veterans Administration. Purple Heart Award recipients qualify, as well as Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross. Other exemptions are available for more seriously disabled veterans and paraplegic veterans. Veteran must have been a Mass resident 6 months prior to enlisting OR live in Massachusetts for five consecutive years.

### BLIND PERSON — \$875 OFF

Clause 37 — Must be registered with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

### TAX DEFERRAL — ALL OR PART OF THE TAX

Clause 41A — Applicant must be 65 years of age as of July 1, 2014 with income less than \$51,000 and must have resided in Massachusetts for the preceding ten years. All or part of the tax may be deferred. (Effective 2007

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Exemption forms are available at the Assessors' Office in the Town Hall (Floor 2B). For additional information, contact the Assessors' Office at 781-383-4114 x124.

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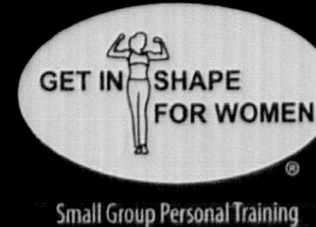
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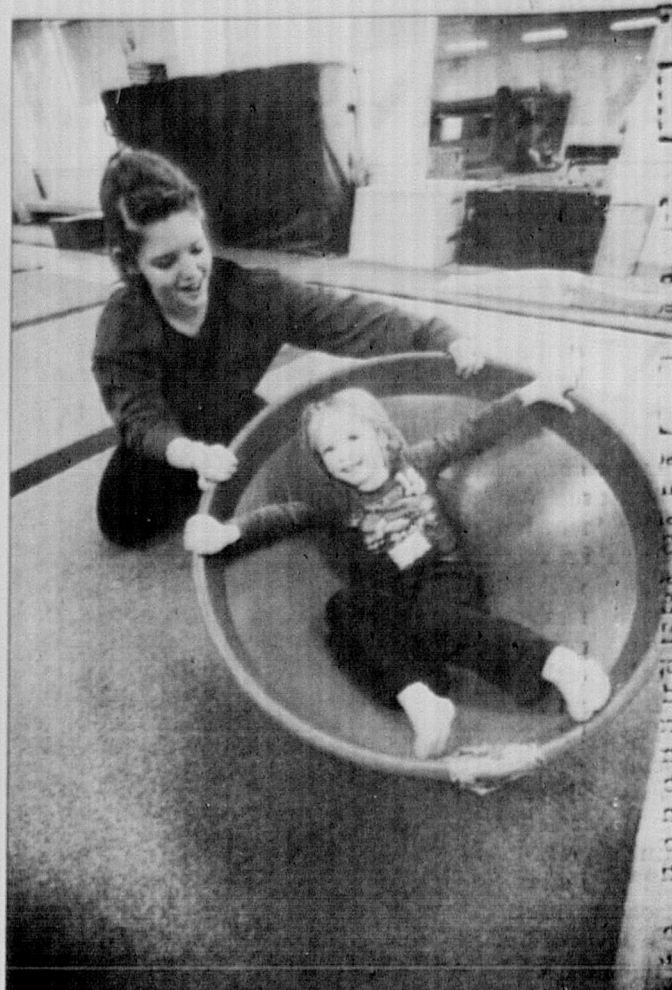


Small Group Personal Training





Fiona Scanlon (center left) enjoys bounding about the gym, playing four corners. STAFF PHOTOS BY CHRIS BERNSTEIN



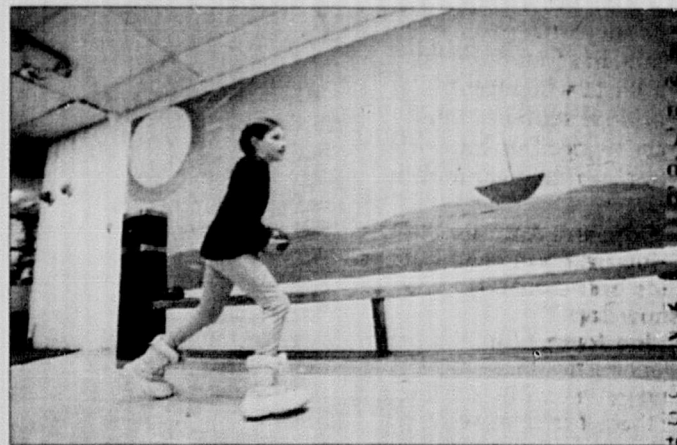
Hayley Ardizzoni takes Max Bryan, 3, for a ride in the red spinning cone.



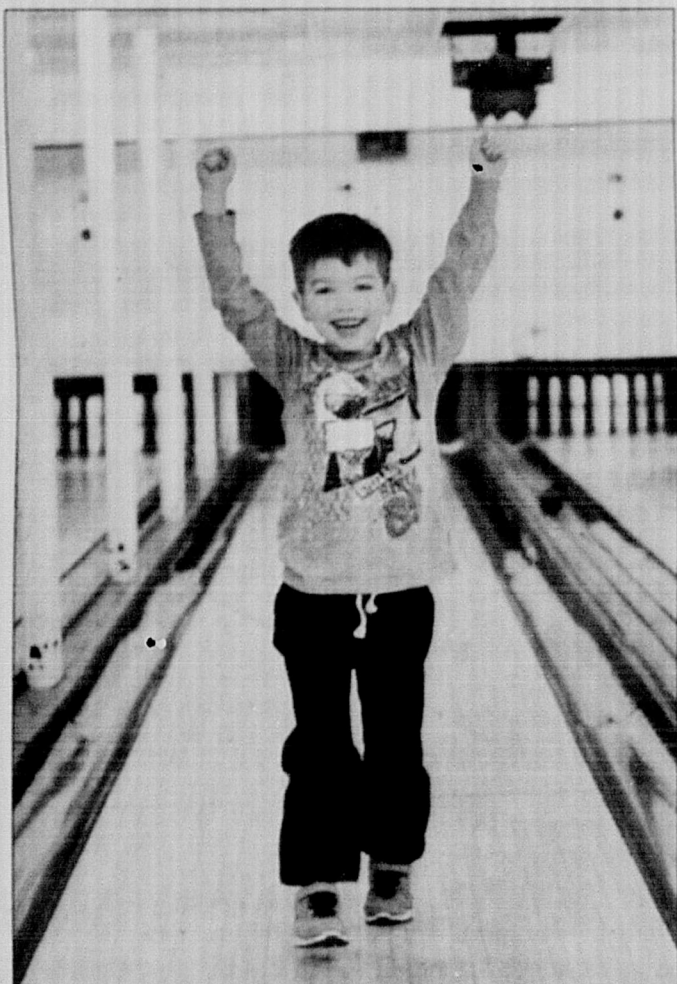
Brody Fitzgerald, 4, busily crafts himself a crown.

## Kid *friendly*

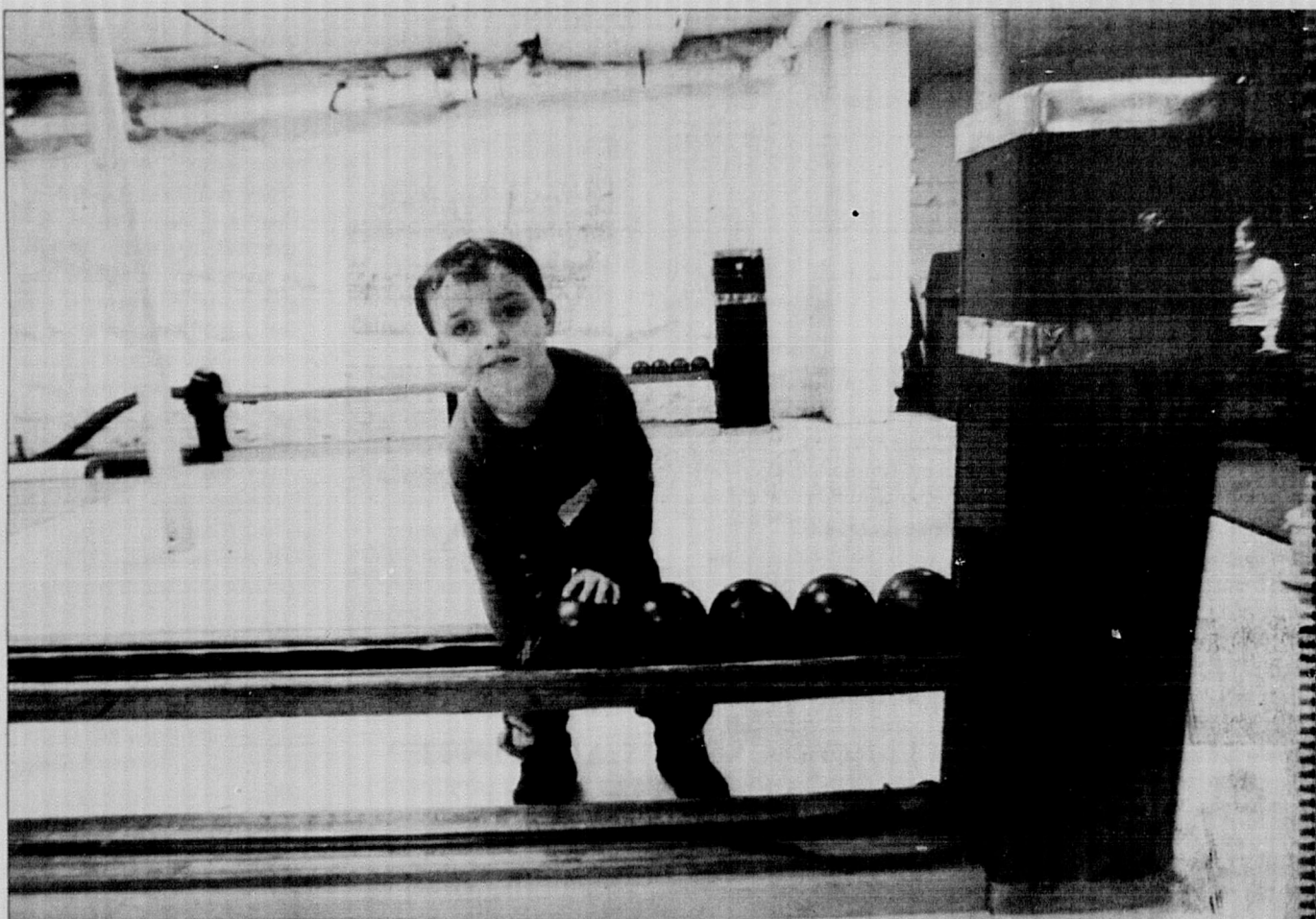
Community Center fun  
during February vacation



It's warm and sunny in the Community Center, where Jennifer Scanlon enjoys bowling with her friends.



Braddock Kalberer reacts to his bowling score with a giant cheer.



Jack Heald, 5, is ready to roll.



Georgia Gregory (L) and Brielle Kalberer (R), crafting their own personalized crowns.



Max Bryan, 3, (L) and Whit Ketchen, 3, (R) check out their crafted crowns in the mirror.



Children delight in a game of "Fireball" in the Community Center Gym.



Children assemble at the start of activities and 5-year-old Sam Guardino (center) rises with a question.



## WEATHERMAN

## NECN's Joe Joyce on working in weather

## Mariner Q&amp;A

By Erin Dale  
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New Englanders have braved a long, cold winter so far, with a seemingly never-ending cycle of snowstorm. With the South Shore buried in several feet of snow, folks from all walks of life face the same issues, from spending days shoveling to dealing with ice dams, roof raking and snowy commutes. But what's it like being the bearer of "bad news" to New Englanders on a near daily basis this time of year?

The Mariner asked broadcast meteorologist Joe Joyce of NECN (New England Cable News), who lives in Cohasset, to share a day in the life of a New England weatherman.

Joyce, who has worked as a meteorologist for 18 years, has four children under 12 who attend Cohasset schools – and have enjoyed several snow days over the past month.

**Cohasset Mariner (CM): "How have you and your kids been spending your snow days?"**

**Joe Joyce (JJ):** "I've been cleaning my house, roof, and gutters... The kids love it; then, of course, we've got February vacation, which is just what they need – more time [off]. These kids need to get to school..."

**CM: "This must be a fun time of year to be a weatherman... Could you take us through a typical**

**day on the job?"**

**JJ:** "It's really like any other day... You come in and go over stuff, and look at the data you have. We look at a variety of different weather models from all over the world that give us different outcomes... It's always nice when they're similar; we look for model agreement to give us confidence in our forecasts. With this next storm [the Feb. 14 – 15 "Valentine's weekend" blizzard] our models are in agreement, all showing the same thing for this weekend; this is going to be a substantial storm... I don't know if it'll be block-buster or not, but at this point another foot of snow is not going to be good."

**CM: "Do you report to work really early to get ahead of the weather?"**

**JJ:** "Matt Noyes [NECN chief meteorologist] comes in at 2 or 3 in morning and gets cranking; I have a more regular shift, from 9 to 5; Nelly [Carreno, meteorologist] does the 4 to 11 shift... We fill in for each other, that kind of thing."

**CM: "What is your day-to-day like?"**

**JJ:** "It's really three different jobs: I'm a meteorologist and forecast the weather, and also make all the graphics; we're graphic artists and draw the fronts and boards. [On a typical day] I get the weather models, satellites, and radars and look at current conditions, and do a little fortune telling – what's going to happen today and the next day. I look at the temperature, where the winds are above our heads... I look at all the different atmospheres... Everybody wants their forecast to be accurate."

"The third part is being a

broadcaster; you have to get up and captivate people, and present in a clear matter that communicates and engages. When you work for a 24-hour news network, it's constantly live and updating. After the broadcasts, you have to get back to forecasting and post to social media – you have to be updating your Facebook and Twitter and keep that going. "I love it... People are weather obsessed. It's like a sport; they like to watch their local weatherman and see if he gets it right."

**CM: "Do you ever get flack from the public for having to be the bearer of bad news when storms like these come?"**

**JJ:** "People it all right; they take it in stride. [Any ribbing] is all part of the territory."

**CM: "How long have you worked as a meteorologist?"**

**JJ:** "I've been there since 1997 [and has also worked for WBZ-TV in Boston]... I have 20 years of experience [in meteorology]. I started off in Bangor, Maine... It's been nice to support my family and have a career in television."

**CM: "Was this always what you wanted to do?"**

**JJ:** "Pretty much. In sixth grade, it was in my year-book. I've always had a love for it."

**CM: "What's the best part about working in meteorology this time of year, when there's a lot of weather to report on?"**

**JJ:** "Like very storm is its own beast, and has its own personality, every season has its own story to tell."



Broadcast meteorologist Joe Joyce, right, pictured with Cohasset High School Athletic Director Ron Ford, visited a Cohasset Middle School science class when the school installed a high-tech WeatherBug station in March 2013. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS BERNSTEIN

This will be a season that we'll talk about, and pass on to our kids... It will end up being a historic season for snowfall.

The trickiest part [of forecasting] is that there are so many different variables in play – the amount of moisture, the position the storm is going to come in... There are a lot of questions you have to answer in your head: 'Where is the heaviest moisture going to happen?' 'What's the temperature going to be?'

Forecasting winter storms and severe weather has its own issues, and hurricanes and thunderstorms are different. Science is wonderful – it's like solving a puzzle, or like being a private investigator trying to solve a clue. Our goal is to get a forecast right and pull all the pieces together.

**CM: "You must work some long hours during storms like these. Have you ever had to spend the night in the station?"**

**JJ:** [Laughing] "I've

slept on more floors than I choose to remember... You don't want to get stranded, so you have to time when you get into work. We're ready to go – sometimes you have very long hours and have to work close to 24 hours, and get very little sleep. Sometimes it's very exhausting, but these types of circumstances are so extreme; this only happens five to ten times a year, and these types of storms don't happen often."

**CM: "What do you think has been the worst part of this winter?"**

**JJ:** "Weather can be an inconvenience. Everybody's working around it... My concern is the buildup of what these next couple storms are going to do... I've been shoveling incredible amounts of snow off my roof; it seems like there more and more problems, like the potential for significant spring flooding... My concern is reaching a threshold where bigger problems could start to occur than what's

already happened. This is a pattern that's going to last for the rest of the month of February."

**CM: "Do you have any advice for folks in dealing with all this?"**

**JJ:** "Just clean up what you can before it gets crazy. I had four feet of snow on my roof and had to take that off... I was standing on my roof just shoveling and shoveling."

**CM: "How do you cope?"**

**JJ:** "Lots of coffee. And my passion for weather energizes me: I love doing it."

**CM: "As a weatherman, do you ever get tired of the weather?"**

**JJ:** "I hate winter and love summer... I'm thinking warm thoughts. I hope for a brighter future and beach days on Sandy Beach."

—Follow reporter Erin Dale on Twitter @ErinDaleMariner.

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## AROUND TOWN

## 'Food for Fines' library program

## Newsy times

Hi Cohasset, a week with only a tiny bit of snow? Almost unheard of this winter. March 1st is right around the corner and with it, we have so many things happening throughout the month so please make sure to send in all your news, events, celebration information and photos too.

We will be talking about "Pantry Palooza" next week as well as sharing some special messages and get well thoughts for some friends around town. If you have any that you want to share, birthday wishes or other special wishes, send those in too.

## Loyola

Congratulations to local student **Conor Dooley**, CHS Class of 2013, son of Lisa and Kevin Dooley and grandson of Roseann Dooley all of Cohasset who was named to Dean's List for Fall 2014 at Loyola University Maryland. Everyone is very proud of you Conor, keep up the great work.

## 'Food for Fines'

The Paul Pratt Memorial Library's "Food For Fines" program continues for one more week to help benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry. Library users who owe money to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library have a 1-week window to wipe the slate clean in exchange for donations to benefit the Cohasset Food Pantry. In this first ever "Food for Fines" campaign ending on Sunday, March 8th, the library will forgive \$1 in overdue fines\* for every non-expired, non-perishable can or package donated.

The Cohasset Food Pantry especially welcomes donations of: Clam chowder, corned beef hash, solid white tuna in



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water, cereal, coffee/tea/hot chocolate, mayonnaise, apple and cranberry juice, creamy peanut butter, jelly and jam, dish and laundry detergent. Bring your donated goods to the circulation desk, and don't forget your library card!

No fines? Donations cheerfully accepted. (\*Sorry, donations cannot be accepted as payment for lost or damaged items.)

## Author talk

Sunday Author Talks series presents author **Lily King** who will give a talk about her book "Euphoria" at the Paul Pratt Memorial Library at 35 Ripley Road on Sunday, March 22 at 4 p.m. A wine & cheese reception and book signing will follow Ms. King's talk. This has free admission and seating is limited. This is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, The Cook Estate, and A Taste For Wine & Spirits. For more information call the library at 781-383-1348 or visit [www.cohassetlibrary.org](http://www.cohassetlibrary.org).

## Hoop game!

Here is a great save the date for everyone on March 27th. The Deer Hill vs. Osgood Faculty and Parents Basketball Game is coming and it will be so much fun. Come watch the Deer Hill and Osgood teachers as well as parents at a faculty basketball game to benefit the Osgood and Deer Hill PSO on Friday, March 27th, at the High School Gymnasium. Doors open at

6 p.m. Game Starts at 7 p.m. Make sure to go to the web and check out [www.bitly.com/osdhsbasketball](http://www.bitly.com/osdhsbasketball) to sign up for volunteer opportunities as well as purchase discounted tickets in advance. Put the date in your books now!

## Trask party

Please join family and friends of retired Fire Capt **Mark Trask** for his retirement party to celebrate his 39 years of service with Cohasset Fire Department Sat April 4, at the Barker Tavern from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person and may be purchased by March 26 from Rob Ford and Jack Hernan at Cohasset Fire Department, Ellen Warner and Mary Quill of the Assessors Office at Cohasset Town Hall who have tickets for sale during the day or by calling Janet at 508-331-3929.

This event is a wonderful evening for all to come together to honor and thank Mark for his years of dedication to the community.

## In our hearts

Jeanne McAuliffe sent us this heartfelt message: "We lovingly remember **Billy McAuliffe**. It has been a year, March 3, since his passing. We no longer share his physical presence but he is forever with us in our heart. Who can forget his whimsical smile, the mischievous twinkle in his eye or his caring nurturing manner? He has left us a legacy of love, laughter and compassion.

Thank you Billy, we love you."

—That's it for this week Cohasset. Send it all in for next week to me no later than Tuesday by 5 PM! (Notice time change...) EMAIL: [aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com](mailto:aroundtowncohasset@yahoo.com)

## LIFE AT CHS

## Homework help, budget issues and special raffle

Welcome back to another Life at CHS! With two weeks off from my job as a columnist due to the snow and school winter vacation, I have been gathering important information to present you, the reader.

The National Honor Society members have been working just as hard as ever by tutoring every Tuesday night at the Paul Pratt Library Homework Center. These talented and selfless students spend two hours that night assisting those students in any subject area they need. Even high school scholars are getting help from these NHS students who have recently taken those classes. In particular, I would like to give a thank you to some juniors who have been helping out at the homework center aside from NHS in order to make a difference in their community. These exceptionally smart and giving young adults are Caroline VanEtten, Sophie Wolfe, and Alexandra Lanier. Thanks to them as well as the rest of the team in helping Cohasset's youth.

In other community service news, (with volunteers again from the Cohasset chapter of the NHS,) two other Mariner columnists as well as myself are participating in "Pantry Palooza." Specifically, with the help of generous donors around town, we will be holding a raffle in which the ticket costs one bag of food donated to the Cohasset Food Pantry. In order to raise awareness for this valuable establishment in the town, we will be collecting food donations March 20th in exchange for a raffle ticket where you may be able to win great prizes including food, services, gift cards, and much more! Please spread the word for this great cause and more news will come next week in this column. Also, if interested look for more information in the Mariner columns, Around Town and View from the Front Porch.

As the principals and faculty of Cohasset Middle High School look toward next year with spring (slowly) approaching, various concerns have been raised. In a recent school committee meeting, this issue of the Cohasset School



ASHLEY CURRAN

District budget is being analyzed. After I interviewed and spoke to the principal, Ms. Connolly, this past week, I found the issue to be that of the budget for the 2015/2016 school year in regard to immense class size. As the huge middle school population moves to its freshmen year at CHS in fall of 2015, the question of student to teacher ratio is being questioned as well as curriculum options. While the proposed budget is 4.8 percent above that of this current school year, it will accommodate the massive influx of students. This large number of students begs for more teachers in order to continue offering some special classes. For example, Anatomy and Physiology, AP Statistics, Environmental Science, and Psychology may not be offered next year due to lack of staff to teach such classes. What makes Cohasset such a unique school to attend is its vast opportunities to pursue classes such as AP Stats beyond traditional math, and to pursue that interest in a class of a moderate size. Ms. Connolly understands this budget is hard to sell onto the town but feels very strongly about saving the integrity of the CHS classes come next year. As an impartial voice in the whole matter, all I am aware of is how difficult this decision is going to be for everyone involved.

While I understand that is quite a bit of information to digest and I have decided to leave my beloved Skipper teams to be read about in the Sports section of this newspaper, a lot has happened since I last wrote in which I feel should be spoken about. As always, updates on CHS life to come!

—Ashley Curran is a senior at Cohasset High School and regular columnist for the Cohasset Mariner.

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## CONTEST

# Cohasset Mariner honored for excellence

## Wins four awards in newspaper contest

By Alice Coyle  
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Sunday was Oscar night in Hollywood, celebrating the outstanding performances of actors, directors and filmmakers in some of the year's best movies.

Saturday was NENPA night in Boston, celebrating the outstanding journalism of reporters, editors and photographers in some of New England's best newspapers.

Journalists and media professionals from throughout the New England Newspaper and Press Association's six-state region gathered Feb. 20-21 at the Seaport Hotel for the annual convention that features a host of workshops and seminars and culminates with the Better Newspaper Competition Awards banquet.

This year's contest drew more than 3,200 entries in a variety of editorial, photography and multimedia categories. The staff in GateHouse Media New

England's South Unit — with offices in Hingham, Marshfield, Plymouth, Randolph and Taunton — brought home 25 awards Saturday night, including eight first-place prizes.

"It was another terrific showing by our talented group of journalists," said South Unit Publisher Mark Olivieri. "Day in and day out, our reporters, editors and photographers produce outstanding content for both our newspapers and Wicked Local websites and it's wonderful to see them honored by their industry peers."

Also proud of his colleagues is Editor-in-Chief Gregory Mathis.

"The newspaper industry is constantly evolving and this competition recognizes many of those changes, including use of video, social media and other multimedia. The results from this year's contest shows that our journalists are not only keeping up, but excelling in many areas," Mathis said.

"It was also nice to see

some of our newer reporters and editors recognized for their good work, as well as our veteran journalists continue to be rewarded for the high caliber content they produce throughout the year."

Three-time Weekly Photographer of the Year nominee Robin Chan won two first-place awards in the Pictorial Photo (Cohasset Mariner) and Photo Series (Hingham Journal) categories. Of Chan's pictorial photo entry capturing a rainbow over Cohasset Common the judges said: "The end of the rainbow. Nice image. Good use of light and composition."

Chan's photo series focused on a visiting baseball team at Hingham High School from Japan also earned first-place honors. "Very strong photo essay. Nice set of images. Good storytelling. Many good moments and good eye," the judges wrote.

Cohasset Mariner staff reporter Erin Dale won second place in Business/



A beautiful rainbow stretches above Cohasset Common and ends over First Parish Church. ROBIN CHAN PHOTO 2014

Economic reporting for her story on goats being used to trim grass and weeds on rocky terrain. "The article provided an in-depth look at a novel approach to a serious issue," the judges wrote. "It was full of facts on an eco-friendly way to eliminate nuisance weeds and plants."

The Cohasset Mariner also won two staff awards. The paper won third place in Local Election Coverage for its coverage of the "bullet voting" issue including solid pre-election packaging "with even-handed and informative stories" and tricky coverage when the paper itself became part of

the story because of its editorial cartoon.

Another third place was awarded to the Cohasset Mariner for its editorial/commentary page that featured an editorial and tributes to the late, long-time cartoonist Jim Hamilton as well as a full page of his cartoons.

## GIMME SHELTER



Neptune is a happy-go-lucky guy who will melt your heart. COURTESY PHOTO

## Neptune rescued during blizzard

By Tammy Hatch

Meet our newest arrival, Neptune, a Maine Coon rescued during the last record-breaking snowstorm. Fearing Neptune would not survive outdoors with wind chills expected to drop well below zero, Hull Seaside was called upon to help. Within hours of the call a network of volunteers coordinated not only his rescue, but transportation to the shelter during a

complete white out.

This guy has it all: Handsome face, thick luxurious fur, huge double paws the size of catcher's mitts and he's affectionate. What else is there? Set up in our front office on the day of his rescue, Neptune has taken over with a carte blanche attitude and has shown everyone he doesn't want to sit and watch, he wants to be in the thick of it right alongside you. He's a happy-go-lucky guy and has no preference as to who you are or what you

are doing so long as you let him be a part of it too. This special guy will melt your heart! We are looking for a safe and loving home for Neptune where he will cozy, warm and totally loved.

You can meet Neptune and our other resident cats, learn about our no-kill cat shelter, our events and programs and ways in which you can help at [www.hsar.org](http://www.hsar.org). HSAR is at 50 L Street in Hull. We are open to the public Monday nights 6:30 to 7:30, and Saturdays 2 to 3 p.m. Special

appointments can also be made by calling our Adoption Coordinator.

The Animal Rescue League's Spay is scheduled for Monday, March 16. If you need to have your cat spayed or neutered, openings are available. The cost is \$100. Please call the shelter at 781-925-3121 or email us at [hsar@verizon.net](mailto:hsar@verizon.net) to book your appointment.

—Tammy Hatch is a volunteer and Board Member at Hull Seaside Animal Rescue.

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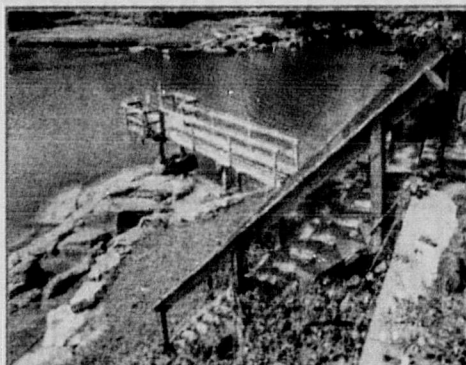
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Your community's local businesses need your support during these next few weeks more than ever.

Visit your local hardware store for shovels and ice melt. Put in an order at a local restaurant for lunch. Sit down in your local cafe to try and regain your sanity. Go to a local spa to help heal your aching back.

Check to see if your favorite local business has a social media presence. Read their updates about store hours or popular services. It's a great way to learn more about the business and get to know the personalities of the people that work there. These people are a part of your community and these posts are invitations for you to visit them.

A local business is as strong as the community that supports it. They need you to **stay local, buy local**.

Help make your community stronger by keeping local businesses on Main Street. Help grow and strengthen your local economy by keeping local dollars with local people.

Snow is the problem, you can be a part of the solution. #staylocalbuylocal

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## MAMASTEPIH

## Concert to benefit Harken's Helping Hands

Join Mamasteph for a morning of music and stories at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Hingham Middle School, off Main Street (Route 228).

The concert is a benefit for Harken's Helping Hands, which is non-profit organization that supports local families whose children have been diagnosed with Hurler's Syndrome. Hurler's Syndrome is an aggressive genetic disorder that has no cure. Harken's Helping Hands was founded after Harken Benoit was diagnosed just after her first birthday.

Sweet Harken has had a year of medical treatment, which required her to be confined to the hospital or her home. Her doctors have now given her clearance to broaden



Harken's Helping Hands was founded after Harken Benoit was diagnosed just after her first birthday.

her horizons and one of her first stops will be the concert in her honor. All are welcome to the celebration.

Tickets are \$10 for a child, \$20 for an adult, and \$50 for a family of three or more people.

## OPEN MIC

## Indoor beach bash

Sick of the snow? Come spend a few hours pretending it's summer at the Ground Level Coffeehouse for teens and young adults on Friday, March 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. Wear your t-shirts, flip-flops, shorts, sundresses, and shades; we'll be turning up the heat and sipping smoothies all night!

The mic is open for young

musicians to take the stage and share favorite summer-time songs.

Ground Level takes place on the first Friday of every month in the Beechwood Church basement (51 Church Street, Cohasset). For more information, visit beechwoodcc.org or call 781-383-0808. "Like" Ground Level on Facebook (www.facebook.com/groundlevel-caf) or follow on Twitter @GroundLevelCaf.

## SAVE THE DATE

## Quilt Show planned for March 7

After the record breaking weather that endured this year, the Second Congregational Church 21st Quilt Show and Decadent Desserts will arrive like a preview of spring. It will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 7. Over the past 20 years, 1,100 quilts have been artfully displayed. Every year the sanctuary has come alive with colorful quilts draped over the pews. Each has a story to tell and maybe even a few secrets to share.

A ticket includes SCC's decadent desserts with tea and coffee, served by an all-male wait staff. Spread the word to friends, come feast your eyes on fabulous quilts and savor the likes of white chocolate-blueberry tart, apple pie, carrot cake, lemon soufflé, (gluten free Creme de Menthe pie, chocolate torte) and more.

Tickets are available for \$15 by sending a self-addressed stamped

envelope along with a check payable to Second Congregational Church at 43 Highland Ave., Cohasset, MA 02025. Reservations for groups of six or more are accepted for specific times by calling Susi Coley at 781-383-6160. Tickets will be available at the door as well.

## CMI

## Youth rowing on-shore workouts to start

As the huge piles of snow disappear and the days get longer, youth rowers are looking forward to grabbing oars to row around beautiful Cohasset Harbor. It's that time of year again—spring rowing at Cohasset Maritime Institute. On-shore work-outs will begin March 23 in preparation for the ever-exciting ocean rowing in late April. Experienced rowers are encouraged to train while novice rowers will be given an opportunity to cultivate good technique before jumping into a boat. There will be an informational meeting at the Cohasset Library on Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m., for youth interested in rowing this spring (and their parents). Our coaches and experienced rowers will be there to answer your questions and encourage you to join this fast-growing sport.

The spring program runs Mondays and Thursdays afternoons March 23 through April 23 (on shore), then Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays April 27 through June 11. Spring rowing is available for students currently in eighth grade or high school; students entering seventh grade next September may enter for the summer season.



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which starts in late June. CMI welcomes rowers from any local school; current CMI rowers come from Cohasset Middle/High School, Notre Dame Academy, South Shore Vo-Tech, Marshfield and Scituate High Schools. Numbers are limited, so rowers are encouraged to sign up early. The fee for the 12-week spring season is \$325.

CMI has been teaching youth (and adults) how to row for almost 20 years. Neither personal equipment nor prior rowing experience is required to learn to row. We do ask for enthusiasm and

determination to master this ocean sport. Rowing is a complete body work-out as well as a mental challenge. It is the ultimate team sport requiring good form to keep in unison. Boys and girls together as a crew will compete in races that test athleticism, uniformity, and knowledge of different ocean conditions. Unlike college crew, ocean rowing gives students an understanding of tides and winds and is rooted in oceanic knowledge.

CMI crews row in a four-oared boat called a Mainville '26, named after the builder

Chuck Mainville. Our unique, hand-crafted boats have four sliding seats with rowers using the same sweep stroke of competitive college and high school programs. These boats are stiff and sturdy, a distant cousin to the fragile and sleek racing shells, so they are well-suited to the sometimes choppy waters of Massachusetts Bay. Several CMI rowers have found their way to college varsity boats since basic movements and training are the same. For some CMI rowers, crew is their only high school sport (as training lasts all year) and/or the first time they were successful at a sport. We take in good kids and make them athletes. CMI athletes gain the skills, discipline, and determination needed to be successful rowers and in many cases go on to the highly competitive college crew arena.

What happens when you take sturdy rowing boats, youthful enthusiasm, physical challenge and add water? You get something much greater than the parts: invaluable experiences, life lessons and fun! We encourage you to join us! In the meantime, if you have questions, email row.cmi@comcast.net.

## DON'T MISS THIS

## Recycled PARTS Night is March 4

People of all ages are invited to participate in Cohasset High School's fourth annual recycled and found art event: Recycled PARTS!. AT 6 p.m., on Wednesday, in the cafeteria at Cohasset High School, 143 Pond St.

Get a head start on spring cleaning and rummage through basements, garages or the "boutique" at the town dump for material.

Or walk on the beach, in the woods or down the street and collect litter and interesting found objects to repurpose into a work of art. Start salvaging, brainstorming and creating today.

Along with sculptures of all sizes, past creations have included lamps, musical instruments, dresses and other wearable fashions. See photo galleries of the past years' Recycled PARTS nights on the Cohasset ARTS Boosters Facebook page for inspiration.

Recycled PARTS rules: This art exhibition is open to individuals and groups from any town. Students from both public and private schools are welcome. Artwork must be made from trash – recyclable or found materials. Participants must set up their own pieces for viewing at Cohasset High School that night, and then recycle them after the event.

Registration and admission: Exhibitors register for free; friends and visitors pay \$3 each at the door.

Participants may enter to win in one of two categories: Recyclable materials (e.g., glass, plastic, paper, metal) or found materials (e.g., clothing, car parts, electronics).

Registrants are eligible to win prizes. Contact CHS art teacher Nina Berkowitz at nberkowitz@cohassetk12.org or call 781-383-6100 to register or for more information. For updated information, search for Cohasset ARTS Boosters on Facebook or follow @CohassetArts on Twitter.

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# OPINION

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## OUR VIEW

### OPEB reality

OPEB, which stands for Other Post Employment Benefits, has become an acronym that is going to continue to be part of the budget-planning lexicon for the foreseeable future.

There is no getting around the OPEB liability, which – without careful planning – could eat up a large part of the town's operating budget in the years ahead resulting in layoffs and reduced town services. Town officials are trying to avoid that scenario by reining in the rising cost of health insurance.

Cohasset has lots of company in this situation. Every municipality is facing the same thing: how to live up to their healthcare promises for retirees and how pay for them.

This week the human side of tackling the OPEB obligation took center stage at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting when retirees and others packed the room. Several people spoke up and shared their very personal concerns. (See related story, page A1).

"I'm grateful our insurance coverage was stable" throughout the years, said Patrick Plante, retired industrial arts teacher. But now, "I am very frustrated and ill at ease," he said.

Curt Collins, a retired English teacher, principal and coach, said that the term "fixed income" gets tossed around by pundits.

"It's a balancing act we face on a daily basis," said Collins, adding that the town's decision will have "enormous ramifications on all areas of our remaining lives."

In a recent commentary for the Cohasset Mariner, Timothy Davis of the OPEB committee, offered some background and clarity which is worth repeating here.

Mr. Davis wrote in part: "...the unfunded OPEB liability has grown to \$40 million and continues to grow approximately \$2 million per year. The Town's portion of insurance premium for active and retired employees now accounts for 10 percent of the annual Town budget and is growing

at 5 to 8 percent per year while revenues can only grow at 2-1/2 to 3 percent per year. If this trend is not resolved, the Town will face having to reduce employees, cut services and make other painful adjustments to the budget.

"The solution to this problem comes in many parts and will impact all of us in different ways"

■ The First Step was to migrate current employees to a better and economically more favorable MIIA plan. This has been done and was received favorably by our Town employees.

■ The Second Step is to migrate retired teachers from their existing GIC insurance plan to the same MIIA plan already adopted by our active employees and other retirees.

■ The Third Step is to migrate all Town employees to the original 50:50 cost sharing of medical insurance premiums. This step will take time, will involve many discussions and good faith negotiations and will come with appropriate cost mitigation.

"It is imperative that all favorable economic benefit achieved through this process be directed to the OPEB Trust Fund, thereby securing payment of medical insurance premiums for retired Town employees.

"Further, we must institutionalize discipline for future generations by establishing Town policy to fund the OPEB Trust Fund as part of the Town annual budget process. Presently, the OPEB Trust Fund merely competes for remaining free cash.

"If this Plan is implemented, the Town will begin to reduce the \$40 million unfunded liability and, over the course of several decades, will bring that liability to zero. This will result in a sound and sustainable medical insurance program for all Town employees and retirees and will put the Town on a much stronger economic foundation," Mr. Davis wrote. (Full commentary can be viewed online at: wickedlocalcohasset.com by searching OPEB)

## HOW TO SUBMIT

Letters must be original and signed. Include the writer's address and phone number for verification. Letters may be edited. Send letters to Mary Ford, 73 South St., Hingham, MA 02043, cohasset@wickedlocal.com, or fax to 781-741-2931.



## COMMENTARY

# Reasoning for retiree healthcare transition

By Diane M. Kennedy

Preserving our Town's commitment to retired staff members while ensuring that those commitments do not cripple the Town's ability to provide quality educational and public service to our residents are the two central principles that have guided the Board of Selectmen as we have addressed Cohasset's long-term OPEB liability (Other Post Employment Benefits, which in Cohasset is primarily retiree health insurance).

On Tuesday evening, the Board, after extensive consultation with the School Committee, legal counsel, financial advisors, the OPEB Committee, and the MIIA insurance group, voted to migrate our retired teachers from their current GIC insurance plan to comparable MIIA plans — the same plan options offered to all current Town and School employees and all Town retirees.

This vote came after almost two years of

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research, actuarial analysis, evaluation of options, and several actions to reduce Cohasset's unfunded healthcare liability while preserving the ability to provide future benefits. The Board of Selectmen carefully considered healthcare plan options prior to Tuesday's vote, and are confident that our retired teachers will have comparable or superior health care coverage through the MIIA plans. We were very sensitive to and spent many hours discussing the financial impact on our retirees living on fixed incomes and are fully committed to working actively to mitigate any cost impact that this change may have. Our goal is to establish a mitigation trust fund, which will preserve the current health insurance premium structure for current

retirees for the rest of their lives.

For example, if a retired teacher is paying \$50 a month for their current GIC health insurance at the time of the transition, they will pay that same \$50 a month for their new MIIA Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan. Future years will be subject to applicable rate increases for MIIA health insurance, just as has been the case with current GIC health insurance. In addition, having all employees and retirees of the Town of Cohasset (school and town) on the same plan will afford us more negotiating power with the insurance carrier and will enable the Town Manager, working in concert with our employees, to be always vigilant about options to ensure that our valued employees are offered the best, most

affordable benefits.

I am confident that our leadership team in Town and the representatives from MIIA will work tirelessly with our retired teachers to make this plan transition as seamless as possible. I would like to express gratitude to Town Manager Chris Senior, Superintendent Barbara Cataldo, the OPEB Committee, School Committee and Capital Budget Committee member Brian Host for helping us work through a complicated calculus of numbers with careful sensitivity to the men and women who have served our schools and town so admirably over the past decades. We have a Town and a school system to be proud of. We will continue to be mindful of our collective responsibilities to our employees and residents through ensuring sound financial management and planning.

—Diane M. Kennedy is chairman of the Cohasset Board of Selectmen.

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

# Form of List to be filed by March 20

Cohasset Assessors' Office has requested a Form of List to be completed by any person who owns or conducts business or owns rental property in the Town of Cohasset.

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 29 the deadline for filing has been extended to March 20, 2015. Failure to timely file this return could adversely affect the

owner's right of appeal. The Assessors' appreciate people's cooperation in providing the information. Reminder postcards were mailed to all businesses in town.

The Form of List is

available online at <http://cohassetma.org>, Select Forms Tab, Search: Form of List.

For more information, call the Assessors' Office at 781-383-4114, ext. 124.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

# Paul Schubert to run for selectman

By Paul J. Schubert, M.D.

I would like to introduce myself to the members of town who may not know me. My family and I came to live in Cohasset in 1997. My training is in medicine. For 18 years I have been a practicing physician and partner at Harbor Medical Associates, a large multi-specialty group practice on the South Shore. My undergraduate and medical degrees are from Georgetown University with further post-graduate training at University Hospital in the Boston University system and at Rhode Island Hospital in the Brown University system. We moved to Cohasset for the public schools and its deep New England character. My son graduated from Cohasset High School last year and is currently in college. My younger son is a Cohasset High School sophomore. In addition to my interest as a parent, in 2005 I became involved in the Cohasset schools working on the rebirth of the Cohasset Education Foundation as a supporter and board member from 2007-2013.

In 2009, I was elected to the Cohasset School Committee and re-elected in 2012. My term ends this spring. I have also served on the Governance Committee, though time commitments prevented a lengthy term. I had the pleasure to serve on the Budget Advisory Group to help address significant budget problems caused by the Great Recession. Currently, I am a member of the OPEB Committee, which has talented, thoughtful and insightful members who are working to solve one of the largest concerns of our town, specifically,



Paul J. Schubert, M.D. has announced plans to run for selectman. COURTESY PHOTO

to ensure a sustainable foundation of health benefits promised to our town employees in their retirement years.

Though my training is not in finance I have spent a great deal of time and effort studying municipal finance at both the local and state level with an emphasis on reasonable ways to finance the town within its budget constraints. In 2013, I spearheaded the effort for a Special Town Meeting with a voters' petition, through which the town residents allocated, in Article 1 of that meeting, significant money for the OPEB Liability Trust Fund. This further secured the retirement promise the town made to their employees. Additional money was allocated and voted to the Town Facilities Stabilization Fund, the Town Stabilization Fund and the DPW Public Roads Repair Expense Account. All these appropriations were done after careful review of the town finances and revenues, resulting improvements to the town's financial structure and health. This supports the town's decision to pursue and obtain a high bond rating through prudent financial actions and reasonable practices.

Over the Past 6 years I

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have served on the Cohasset School Committee as member, Secretary, Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It has been a challenging yet thoroughly rewarding experience. I have worked productively with the town administration, the district administration, staff, teachers, parents and residents. I have built successful working relationships with local and state government members and departments. I believe the district has grown and improved and should I be elected to selectman I will certainly continue to work for the schools in a similar vigor but in a new capacity.

I have spent a great deal of my time in the support of the Cohasset School system, and yet I am well aware that financial constraints exist in our town and that must be considered when balancing the town needs for services. I feel I have the experience and the ability to work cooperatively with many facets of the town in a positive way. Balancing financial resources and needs to ensure, the first class delivery of public works, senior services and school funding, requires mature and cooperative leadership. I believe I can deliver these goals and so I humbly ask for your vote on Election Day May 9.

## VIEW FROM THE FRONT PORCH

# Pre-Palooza shopping around Cohasset

Five, count 'em, five weekends in a row we've endured one storm after another. By now we all know the numbers, we've all heard about the records, we all know the weathermen's first names and their astrological signs and we're all exasperated by the snow. While I am sure each and every one of us has a story about being inconvenienced by all these weekend storms, the ones who have truly felt the brunt of the storms are our local small businesses.

As I have mentioned previously, for the entire month of March, three writers in the Mariner are teaming up to raise awareness and encourage community involvement in supporting Cohasset's Food Pantry. Pantry-Palooza, will culminate with a raffle for everyone who donates to the Pantry during the last two Saturdays of the month. So in order to make the raffle as robust as possible, Jen Piepenbrink, Ashley Curran and I have been reaching out to local businesses to be part of the effort.

The first business to jump in and support Pantry-Palooza was the Olympus Grille. Steve and Jordan are great guys and they didn't hesitate for a second to support our efforts. However to be fair to everyone else, the only reason they were first is because I asked them first.

Cohasset Cycle Sports also didn't hesitate to help. I always love stepping into the Wilkie's bike shop on 3A and always enjoy talking with them - even if John Wilkie prefers the Rolling Stones over the Beatles. I wasn't in Victoria's Pizza 4 minutes before they were generously filling out a gift certificate for a few pizzas. The same immediate generosity can be said about the Cohasset House of Pizza and Feng Shui who both donated more than generous gift cards.

Amy and Kirsten at Twist were all over the idea of helping the Food Pantry. I had never been in Twist before but loved looking around the shop as they put together a couple of amazing



JOHN MCSHEFFREY

gift bags for the raffle. The most unique moment I had visiting stores (and might I add, buying a few things along the way) was when I walked into OSI. OSI is another store I hadn't been in and the layout of the store reminded me of a store in Lincoln, N.H., that sells Life is Good shirts. Boy, wouldn't it be cool if a store in Cohasset sold Life is Good Shirts? Anyway, as I began chatting with the girl behind the counter she stopped me and introduced herself; it was Ashley Curran. Although we'd been emailing and talking on the phone about Pantry-Palooza, we had never met in person. It was a cool moment.

Chris Kennedy of Kennedy Country Gardens (KCG) in Scituate was the first to offer his support without being asked, but if you know Chris that's simply who he is. Interesting side note: the Town of Cohasset has been getting great press regarding the creative fire hydrant shoveling incentive program but I believe that it was Chris and Kennedy Country Gardens who suggested it first. On Feb. 11 KCG posted on their FB page "Shovel out your fire hydrants! Post a photo of a family member with a shovel next to a hydrant on the Kennedy's Country Gardens Facebook page and we will upgrade her Valentines flowers! Towns are hiring people to do this they shouldn't have to. Grab a shovel and we will reward you." Four days later the Cohasset Police Department and Emergency Management posted a similar offer and the town has responded admirably. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that the kind folks at The Work Station also reached in offering their unsolicited support.

With all the snow, I am sure you're longing for the

day the tent goes up at the Music Circus, nothing says summer's here like seeing the tent up for the first time. Well, the Music Circus is also on board with the Palooza, donating a couple pairs of tickets to this year's Beach Boys show. Add to that, I'm donating Sox tickets. We're also looking for others who have access to tickets and would be generous enough to help out.

Along the way, we've left quite a few flyers with business owners. It's our hope to hear back from them but we're not going to revisit anyone and be a bother. To date, not a single Cohasset business has flat out said no but there are some that we have yet to connect with because either they were closed or we just haven't made it there. If you have received a flyer and want to join in or if we haven't connected yet and you'd like to be part of the effort please email me at [jjmcs@aol.com](mailto:jjmcs@aol.com). We're trying!

So why am I traveling around town? Easy, all of these businesses have been impacted by the continuous string of bad weekends yet none of them hesitated when asked about helping the Food Pantry. Helping others is what makes a town a community and our local businesses are demonstrating what a great community Cohasset is.

I strongly encourage you to visit any and all of these folks and support them. Cohasset has a bevy of wonderful little shops both in the village and on Route 3A and on the heels of all the storms they could use the support. So consider taking some time to do a little local shopping, you'll be psyched you did. Oh yeah, while you're out also take a second and thank them for being part of Pantry-Palooza.

As always, thanks for reading. The next four weeks will be a lot of work for us and Ashley, Jen and I all hope that you'll join in.

—John McSheffrey has been part of the Cohasset community since 2007 and can be reached at [jjmcs@aol.com](mailto:jjmcs@aol.com).

## LIBRARY CORNER

The following events will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit the website at [www.cohassetlibrary.org](http://www.cohassetlibrary.org).

**FOOD FOR FINES:** Paul Pratt Library will accept canned food items in lieu of overdue fines through March 8. For every canned item brought to the library, \$1 in fines will be forgiven. All canned goods will be donated to Cohasset Food Pantry. Unfortunately, donated items cannot be used to forgive lost books or damaged items. Call the circulation desk for more information.

**MOVIE MATINEE:** Enjoy a free, daytime movie at the library at 11 a.m., on Friday, March 6. Sandwiches will be donated by Shaw's of Cohasset. Admission is free. Call the library for details.

**ARTIST RECEPTION:** South Shore Art Center will present an exhibit by Kathleen Draper-Garner titled "Archangels and Thrones" at the library March 2 through April 30. Meet the artist at an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m., on Friday, March 6. Free. All are welcome.

**SUNDAY AUTHOR TALK:** Lily King, author of

the award-winning book "Euphoria," will give a talk at the library at 4 p.m., on Sunday, March 22. A wine and cheese reception and book signing will follow King's talk. Admission is free. Seating is limited. Sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, The Cook Estate, and A Taste For Wine & Spirits.

**TWEENS AND TEENS LEARN TO KNIT AT THE LIBRARY:** At 2 p.m., on Saturdays, Feb. 28, March 14, and March 28, there will be knitting instruction for students in grade six and up. Needles and yarn will be provided.

## LIBRARY KIDS

The following events for children will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit the website at [www.cohassetlibrary.org](http://www.cohassetlibrary.org).

**MAMSTEPH SPECIAL SATURDAY CONCERTS:** March 14 and 21, at 10:30 a.m. Funded by the Friends

of the Cohasset Library.

**MAMSTEPH CONCERTS:** Mondays, March 2, 23 and 30, at 10:30 a.m. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

**LEGO CLUB:** Mondays, March 9 and 23, at 4 p.m.

**PUPPET STORY TIME WITH LEIGH AND**

**FRIENDS:** Tuesdays, March 10 and 24 at 10:30 a.m., in the Story Room. Funded by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

**STORYTIME:** Tuesdays, March 3, 17 and 31, at 10:30 a.m., in the Story Room

**DROP-IN CRAFTS:** Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Story Room.

## GROWING ON THE FARM

# A voice for voiceless, help for the homeless

By Jon Belber

The faces and realities of poverty are sometimes shown on the front pages of newspapers. Television news occasionally covers the lives and struggles of the poor. Those who may have escaped poverty might take pen to paper and write a story of their rise.

But too often, the stories and the struggles are undocumented. The daily plight of the homeless is untold.

Even on the South Shore, where large vehicles dominate the roads and multi-garage homes keep those vehicles protected, there is a growing problem with people being able to keep jobs and homes.

Affordable housing is a growing issue. It is difficult to find an affordable home or maintain affordable housing.

If one loses a job, then

it grows more difficult to maintain the money needed to afford life in a town or growing city. In these towns, many more people do not have ski passes on a North Face jacket.

Some folks have an even more difficult time making it to the weekly or twice weekly food pantry, especially considering this snow and cold and ice. But fight against a growing tide we must.

Dedicated community activists are staffing those food pantries. Large organizations are devoting thousands and millions of dollars to fight poverty. Others are working to provide support for one unfortunate by-product of poverty—an addiction to opiates.

And as we sit in the barn-turned studio office at Holly Hill, we are thinking about how to help.

There are no spinach

seeds in the ground yet; no potatoes have been mounded. Not one onion set has produced long lasting purplettes. And the garlic has a lot of work to do in order to surmount the hills of snow that tower above their beds.

We are enlisting a quiet fight against poverty. We hope to work with, teach to and learn from high school students in need of completing community service hours. Students can come to the farm twice a week in the spring and fall, and five days a week in the summer to grow, harvest and deliver a measurable amount of produce to local food pantries in Quincy, Hull and even at the increasingly needy Tuesday morning spot in Cohasset.

These teenagers can help provide healthy organic produce for those in need. They might even be helping someone or a family right next door or closer than they

realize.

To counter this strife, we will order seeds, welcome students and make a dent in the growing crisis of poverty in our midst. We seek not to change the course or stem the tide. Rather we will grow, deliver and play a part in positive change. And I will report our efforts (with pounds of produce and stories of youthful cultivation) as we go and strive to grow.

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## ART EXHIBIT

# 'Archangels and Thrones' featured

The Paul Pratt Memorial library, 35 Ripley Road, will exhibit "Archangels and Thrones," paintings and mixed media collage of Kathleen Draper-Garner says in her artist statement.

Her original sketches became 8-inch by 8-inch collaged wood panels and evolved to 24-inch by 32-inch acrylic paintings. The layered configurations of symbolic images have a surreal dreamlike quality. "I apply and remove paint and images multiple times creating depth both internally and externally. The resulting visuals are rich in texture and color."

South Shore Gallery Artist Kathleen Draper-Garner lives and paints in Hull. A long time Brockton Public Schools Art Educator, Kathleen now devotes herself full time to her art.

for stunning images of six winged angels with dramatic gold plumage

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FUNDRAISER

# Girls Scouts' Family Bingo Night

Cohasset's Girl Scout Troop 8828 of fifth graders is hosting a Family Bingo night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 6 in the Deer Hill School cafeteria.

Proceeds from the event will go toward

NoKidHungry.org; cost is \$5 per player.

The girls are working toward the Bronze Award, which is the top honor a Girl Scout can achieve. The award requires 20 hours of service.

For the past year, the

troop has explored areas of the community that need help, from animal shelters to the food pantry; this led them to research other food areas in need, deciding to raise funds and awareness for NoKidHungry.org.

SOMA

# Polar Plunge for Special Olympics postponed due to weather

The 17th Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA) slated for Saturday (Feb. 28) in Hull has been postponed due to

conditions at Nantasket as a result of the recent snowstorms.

Check out: polarplungema.kintera.org for updates or call Jeff or

Taffy Nothnagle at 781 383-0895.

The Mariner will publish information about the rescheduled date as soon as it is available.

## HEALTHCARE

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first – and what will that mean for Peter? “Will this new plan be so financially burdensome that he will not be able” to receive care?

“In this winter of our discontent, there are so many questions that are left unanswered,” said Plante, alluding to a nationwide problem. “Didn’t we hear that if you like your health plan, you can keep it? Well, I stand before you tonight – I like my health plan, and I want to keep it.”

Despite a resounding “nay” from a packed room of retired Cohasset teachers, the selectmen ultimately voted to move retired teachers from their healthcare plan to same plan that insures municipal employees.

It was standing room only in the Cohasset Middle-High School library Tuesday night, where the selectmen sought an advisory vote from retired teachers on whether to switch to a plan that officials say will enable the town to save money on healthcare.

Officials opted not to take the retirees’ advice.

The selectmen’s unanimous (5-0) vote means that the town will now take steps to move retired Cohasset teachers from the state’s Group Insurance Commission (GIC) plan to one offered by the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), through the Mass.

Municipal Association (MMA). The new plan will be effective in fiscal year 2016, starting on July 1 this year.

According to selectmen chair Diane Kennedy, making this change is one of the solutions identified by the town’s OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) committee that will combat the town’s unfunded liability to fund benefits and health insurance for municipal retirees.

Cohasset has been addressing the OPEB liability – which Town Manager Chris Senior said is an outstanding \$40 million – over the past few years, forming the OPEB committee. The selectmen have also tried to stay on top of the matter.

“Since last summer we’ve been meeting with the school committee, discussing ways of preserving the benefits we have extended to our retirees and employees,” said Kennedy.

On January 6, the selectmen voted to start the process of terminating the town’s acceptance of the plan per Mass. General Laws chapter 32B, section 11E. Another vote was taken that night to notify all of Cohasset public school’s affected retired teachers, and inform them of the impending vote.

Judging from the crowd that gathered in the library Tuesday, many got the notice.

Several teachers from the crowd, both newly and long retired, voiced concerns on how this change would

affect rising healthcare costs on fixed incomes.

Dorothy A. Hibbard, who retired in 1986, submitted her comments to a colleague to be read out loud at the meeting. She discussed the difficulties in maintaining a cost of living on a “pension from another era,” saying that she lives on less than \$20,000 a year and struggles “to pay for the basics of rent, food, and healthcare.”

Hibbard wrote that the GIC plan, however, “has been affordable and comprehensive for me.”

Curt Collins, a retired English teacher and coach who lives in Marshfield, said that the term “fixed income” gets tossed around by pundits.

“It’s a balancing act we face on a daily basis,” said Collins, adding that the town’s decision will have “enormous ramifications on all areas of our remaining lives.”

Selectmen assured the audience that they are working on a plan to negate any rising costs.

“The goal is to offer a cost-neutral, comparable healthcare plan,” said Kennedy, adding, “We are working actively to mitigate any cost impact this change will have, or may have.”

Selectmen vice-chair Steve Gaumer, who was not present at the meeting but participated via conference call, offered an analogy. “If we were currently picking up 85 percent of your monthly gasoline bill for your car, and we were able to lock in a price for this

year at \$2 a gallon, that would be wonderful.” However, “We can’t predict the cost for next year. The point is, next year we’ll pick up that same proportion.”

“We recognize each of your stories you’ve transmitted both by letter and by testimony are compelling and frankly, for nearly two years now we’ve wrestled with the process whereby we could maintain the promise” of retiree benefits, Gaumer said. The problem is that the town’s unfunded OPEB liability is “now as large as our overall budget.”

Senior tried to assure the group of retirees that the new MIIA plan will be either “comparable or superior” to the GIC plan.

“The town has been providing Blue Cross Blue Shield to our active and retired employees for some time,” said Senior, adding that the MIIA plan still utilizes Blue Cross Blue Shield. “The plans the town offers to those who are Medicare eligible is at least the equivalent of that, or better... The premium costs will remain the same.”

Retirees will also be able to keep their current doctors, allowing for a “seamless” transition, Senior added. Last year, town retirees were switched to a new MIIA plan for prescription drug benefits “that went very smoothly,” he said.

The town manager further explained that teachers will soon be on the same plan that’s provided to the town’s retired police

officers, firefighters, and other public employees.

“These plans are in existence right now for town employees,” said Senior. “It’s been very effective.”

Kennedy asked for one of the retired teachers in the audience to poll the rest of the group in order to take an advisory vote on switching plans. Fran Cronin of Abington volunteered. She also voiced what she deemed to be the consensus of her fellow retirees.

“While we appreciate the numerous assurances the selectmen, school committee, and town are hoping to make this a cost neutral proposal, we have seen nothing in writing, no specific plan offered to us,” said Cronin. “At this point, are we comfortable being moved from a comprehensive health plan that has been affective for us for the past 20, 30 years?”

Cronin asked the group to vote “aye” or “nay” on the measure; not a single “aye” was uttered. The board proceeded to its vote, but not before selectmen Martha Gjestebj and Karen Quigley told the audience that they would not be voting in favor of the switch if they thought it would have a detrimental outcome.

“I could not do this if I felt the town is breaking its promises or offering less coverage to retirees,” said Quigley. “Everything we’ve heard from MIIA representatives is that this is a very comparable program; a program they’re happy with, the transition will be

seamless, you won’t have to be changing doctors... A lot of the concerns you have will be mitigated. It’s certainly not the intent of this board to have any negative impact on retirees.”

Gjestebj said that her four children went through the Cohasset school system “with wonderful teachers,” and if she thought this change would harm retirees, “I would not have entered into [this].”

The whole point of this change is to address the looming OPEB burden, Quigley added, which is a nationwide problem in both the public and private sector.

“This is not something unique to Cohasset,” said Quigley. “Everybody is trying to work within a framework of promises made and the ability to keep them financially... If we’re not able to mitigate that, we are not going to be able to keep our promises to retirees or maintain the services we offer to the town.”

Senior said that making this change “will help preserve the benefit” of healthcare for retirees.

“I understand people’s concerns,” he said during a five-minute recess, as the disappointed group of retired teachers trudged out of the library after the board’s vote. “We’re going to work very hard to mitigate them.”

Look for more on this issue in an upcoming edition of the Mariner.



## Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on roll calls from prior sessions on the debate on House operating rules for 2015-2016. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

### LEGISLATORS' TESTIMONY (H 2015)

House 34-120, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a proposed Republican rule taking away some of the preferential treatment that legislators receive at public committee hearings. The rule would designate a 30-minute period during which legislators are allowed to testify on legislation. Legislators who want to testify before or after that period would be treated by the committee chair the same way that other people who testify are treated.

Supporters said that currently legislators are often allowed to testify shortly after they arrive at a hearing — ahead of citizens who may have taken the day off from work to testify and have been waiting for hours.

Opponents said the rule creates more bureaucracy and argued that committee chairs should have the power to adapt to individual circumstances and not have their hands tied. They noted that legislators are often going from hearing to hearing to testify on several bills and cannot wait for hours at each hearing.

(A "Yes" vote is for the rule designating a 30-minute period. A "No" vote is against the rule.)

### FIVE DAYS TO FILE BUDGET AMENDMENTS (H 2015)

House 34-121, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a GOP-sponsored rule increasing from three to five the number of days representatives have to file amendments to the state budget once it is released.

Supporters said it is not unreasonable to give members five days to read the hundreds of pages in a budget that is in excess of \$36 billion and then to draft amendments.

Opponents said the 3-day period has worked well over the years and is sufficient.

(A "Yes" vote is for the increase to five days. A "No" vote is against it.)

### CONFLICTS BETWEEN HOUSE SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS (H 2015)

House 34-121, voted strictly along party lines and rejected a proposed GOP rule to reduce the scheduling conflicts between formal House sessions and committee hearings. Formal sessions are ones at which important legislation is often considered by the full House and sometimes includes roll call votes.

Current rules prohibit committee hearings "insofar as practical" from being scheduled at the same time as formal sessions of the House. The proposed rule would prohibit committee hearings from being scheduled at the same time as formal sessions unless there is an emergency and the chair of the committee submits to the House a written description of the emergency.

Supporters said the current rule is weak and vague. They argued that legislators should not have to choose between attending an important committee hearing and a key meeting of the full House.

Opponents said committee hearings are scheduled well in advance in order to give citizens adequate notice to arrange their schedules to be there. They noted that if this proposed rule is implemented, the House will inconvenience the public when it reschedules a committee hearing to another day. They argued that current rules already allow some flexibility and have been working well.

(A "Yes" vote is for the rule. A "No" vote is against it.)

### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BAKER SIGNS ORDER TO INCREASE DIVERSITY - Gov. Charlie Baker signed an executive order elevating the Office of Access and Opportunity (OAO) from the Executive Office of Administration and Finance directly to the governor's office. The order also creates a position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Access and Opportunity to lead the office.

While this all sounds very technical, it is designed to reinforce the Baker Administration's commitment to coordinate and increase diversity and inclusion within state government. The goal is to foster non-discrimination and equal opportunity regardless of race, color, age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, creed, ancestry, national origin, disability, veteran's status or socioeconomic background.

2024 OLYMPICS HEARINGS - Boston 2024, the group spearheading the effort to bring the Olympics to Boston in 2024, will hold a series of 20 statewide community meetings over 20 weeks to give the public an opportunity to have input. The first six communities to hold hearings will be Boston, Springfield, Lowell, Cambridge, Malden and a city to be designated along the South Coast. More details and the location of other hearings will be posted as they become available at www.2024boston.org

IRANIAN STUDENTS AT UMASS - The University of Massachusetts on February 12 announced that it was obligated to follow federal law and as a result would prohibit Iranian students from participating in graduate science and engineering programs at the school. UMass officials cited the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 that requires the U.S. Department of State to deny visas to Iranian college students wishing to take courses in fields of study related to the energy sector, nuclear science, nuclear engineering or a related field. The Act is an expansion of U.S. sanctions against Iran and Syria.

After backlash from students, UMass officials last week consulted with the State Department and reached a new decision. The university reversed its decision and said it will comply with the law by developing individualized study plans in these fields based on a student's projected coursework and research. "We have always believed that excluding students from admission conflicts with our institutional values and principles," said Michael Malone, Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement. "It is now clear, after further consultation and deliberation, that we can adopt a less restrictive policy."

STATEWIDE CANDIDATES SPENT \$33.1 MILLION ON 2014 ELECTION - The Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance revealed that statewide candidates spent \$33.1 million on the 2014 election. This is an increase of nine percent from the 2010 election. The candidates for governor topped the list by spending \$20.2 million. Gov. Baker led all gubernatorial candidates with \$5.6 million — \$1.1 million more than he spent on his unsuccessful 2010 campaign for governor. Baker was followed by Martha Coakley with \$3.9 million. The complete list can be found at <http://files.ocpf.us/pdf/releases/statewide2014.pdf>

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# Girl Scouts to honor Christa Hagearty

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' 23rd Annual Leading Women Awards Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, March 11, at the Sheraton Hotel in Boston. Among the role models, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts will honor Christa Hagearty, president and chief executive officer of Dependable Cleaners. Hagearty is a business leader who has successfully run the 16-store Dependable Cleaners company for nearly two decades.

In addition to Hagearty, the list of 2015 honorees includes The Honorable Martha Coakley, former Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Dr. Denise Hammon, president, Marian Court College; Elaine Steward, vice president and club counsel, Boston Red Sox; and Janet Wu, anchor/reporter, 7News/CW56. Each honoree will be introduced by a local Girl Scout whom she has gotten to know in the months leading up to the event.

The event will also mark the launch of the Angela F. and Thomas M. Menino Campership Fund in tribute to the 2014 Leading Woman, Mayor Thomas M. Menino. Donations will be used to create and endow this named fund to provide the Girl Scout summer camp experience to at least one Boston girl each summer.

"Each year Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts



**Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts will honor Cohasset resident Christa Hagearty at the annual Leading Women Awards on March 11.** COURTESY PHOTO

honor remarkable leaders who have made a positive impact through their career and in the community," said Patricia A. Parcellin, chief executive officer, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. "The Leading Women Awards is a way for our girls to meet great role models like Christa Hagearty and for our supporters to learn how Girl Scouts is creating future women leaders."

The Leading Women Award brings hundreds of women and other members of the greater Boston business community together to celebrate leadership, honor awardees and support the Girl Scout mission.

While respecting the heritage of the company her grandparents founded in 1944, Hagearty has emphasized sustained growth and quality services, adding store locations, successfully implementing a residential pickup and delivery service,

focusing on environmentally friendly technology, and launching an heirloom and antique garment restoration and preservation division. Her strategy has tripled company sales to over \$15 million.

In 2005, she was recognized as an emerging business leader in Boston Business Journal's 40 Under 40. She was named a 2006 Unsung Heroine by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, and in 2012 was one of two women honored as Woodward Woman of Distinction by The Woodward School. Hagearty earned a spot in Boston Business Journal and Commonwealth Institute's 2012 Top 100 Women-Led businesses and was named on the 100 Women We Admire list presented by The Woman's Leadership Forum and Ad Club in 2013.

Hagearty is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization, South Shore Chamber of Commerce, Quincy Schools Education Partnership, South Shore Women's Business Network, and dry cleaning industry organizations.

Focusing on education as the primary foundation for success, Hagearty established Dependable Cleaners' Read to Ride literacy program in 1998, which has motivated Boston-area children to read more than 60,000 books.

For ticket information, visit [www.leadingwomenawards.org](http://www.leadingwomenawards.org).

BUDGET

# New headcount floated for Fiscal 2016

Town Manager proposes DPW, HR, IT positions

By Erin Dale  
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Technology, public works, and human resources – three things that may not seem related, but in Cohasset, these are departments Town Manager Chris Senior intends to invest in and revitalize.

"Resources need to be available where they are most needed," said Senior. "We need to preserve the old and adopt the new to maintain the wonderful quality of life in this beautiful town."

During Tuesday night's Board of Selectmen meeting, Senior presented some highlights of the developing Fiscal Year 2016 budget, which will be voted on by Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 2.

While reviewing various town departments and their expenses, the biggest focus was on three departments that could see new headcount in the next fiscal year, which starts on July 1: information technology (IT), the Department of Public Works (DPW), and human resources (HR).

With five retirements in the current fiscal year – in police, fire, DPW, assessor and inspectional services – the town has to "look at where the biggest needs are," said Senior.

The town manager proposed building up certain departments: DPW, in order to "create an umbrella that oversees the traditional public works function, trees, parks, roads, facilities, water and

sewer"; HR for "risk management" and employee retention and recruitment; and IT in order to upgrade the town's technology infrastructure to "IT 2.0."

Some of the new positions Senior is proposing – including an IT director and deputy director, DPW director, and HR manager – could evolve out of current staff positions, allowing the town to promote from within rather than create and post all-new jobs.

Selectman Karen Quigley said that while she is hesitant on the subject of new headcount, considering the town's unfunded liability to provide Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) to municipal retirees.

Those "ramifications are something we have to keep in the forefront," said Quigley. "However, I've always felt the town does not staff properly and suffers for it. We have to recognize that services can't be offered properly or efficiently if we don't have the staff."

Peter Pescatore, chairman of the Advisory Committee who is currently running for selectman in the May 9 Town Election, wondered if Senior was proposing new department structures, or creating new departments.

"Only Town Meeting can create a new department," Pescatore said.

And while Cohasset already has a town engineer in Brian Joyce, the Director of Project Management and Planning, Pescatore said it looks like Senior is creating a head of Public Works.

"That's a big job – it's the second biggest job in town,"

Pescatore said, adding that Senior should post that position. "I would think you'd want to have a review process and have candidates come in."

Senior said he is a fan of "being open" and "making sure we can make things work."

"Part of the conversation is seeing how we can move forward" with these revamped roles, the town manager said. "There are other alternatives we can structure in our existing system... Right now, I'm taking existing positions and reclassifying" them.

Quigley cautioned, however, "If job descriptions change, they become new positions."

And these changes would have to go through Town Meeting, said selectman Martha Gjestebj.

"I understand that," said Senior. "That's why we're starting the discussion."

Selectmen chair Diane Kennedy said that in the interest of time, she didn't "want to get into the merits of the idea" during Tuesday's discussion, which was running an hour behind due to the night's previous orders of business.

"I just want the global sweep," she said. "I want to drill down, too, but I don't think tonight's the night."

The FY16 budget draft will continue to undergo revisions and review until March 24, when the selectmen will vote to adopt it and recommend it to Town Meeting; voters will have their say on Saturday, May 2.

*Look for more on this issue in an upcoming edition of the Mariner.*

EVENTS

## May MS Walk approved

### Same day as Town Meeting

By Erin Dale  
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It's going to be one busy Saturday.

Last Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Board of Selectmen voted 4-0 in favor of the Saturday, May 2 National Multiple Sclerosis Society "MS Walk," an annual walk-a-thon and fundraiser, which begins at the South Shore Community Center at 7:30 a.m. and ends around 2 p.m.

The selectmen agreed to the event, despite its "not ideal" date – the same day as the Annual Town Meeting – when voters set the budget for the next fiscal year – and Little League parade.

"There's a lot going on that day," said selectmen chair Diane Kennedy.

This is something the selectmen need to consider when planning Annual Town Meeting (ATM) dates in the future, said selectman Karen Quigley. "We need to have a policy discussion about events, conflict, size and impact; it hasn't made it to the agenda."

Selectmen chair Diane Kennedy said that the scheduling issue has come up before, particularly with the MS Walk, adding that she hopes the event won't take away from the ATM since many of the walk's "participants are not Cohasset residents."

And while she understands the selectmen "want a lot of people to participate in town meeting," Kennedy said she feels the same way about longstanding events in town.

"I hate to send them packing, to be honest with you," Kennedy said of the MS Walk.

Since the spring brings road races and other events to town, Kennedy said that holding the ATM in March "would be ideal. After April vacation, the weekends are consumed."

The problem with March, said Quigley, is that the town is still awaiting budget numbers from the state. "We have

a policy decision – what's more important to this board and the town?"

Quigley added that it would be "unreasonable" to ask athletic events to reschedule their events just because the town needs to conduct business; she also felt the board should have "acted in a timely matter" about resolving this issue earlier, before a conflict could arise. Still, she was "torn on this decision."

Selectmen vice-chair Steve Gaumer said that these things are bound to happen.

"You can't legislate humanity," said Gaumer. "As much as I'd like to see everyone of voting age at town meeting as well... We can't stop life from going on."

However, it is "the objective of the board to encourage civic participation rather than discourage it," said Gaumer. He then asked Drew Davis, a representative from the MS Walk who attended the meeting, if the organization could, in the future, propose their event date to the board "prior to the end of the calendar year."

Kennedy said that the date was first pitched in October 2014, but the Feb. 17 meeting was the first time the event had appeared on the selectmen's agenda. "I know the conversation's been going on."

The board has been ironing out a new process for any group seeking to hold an event in town, Kennedy explained; from now on, the selectmen require a six-month deadline for a notice of intent in order to "kick start" the application process.

The selectmen ultimately voted 4-0 in favor of the May 2 event; selectman Martha Gjestebj abstained from voting on the walk, preferring to see it "come to a final vote" once all of the department sign-offs have been done on the application form.

"I'm not against it," she said.

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## PARKING

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wedding itself."

Diane Kennedy said that hiring a detail could mitigate those issues. Gjestebj added that the officer on detail could direct guests on where to park.

Whoriskey pointed out that sometimes road closures are granted for private block parties, to which Kennedy responded that hasn't happened in the past four years she's been on the board.

"To be honest with you, I don't think it's granted," the selectmen chair said. "I think as long as I've been on the board of selectmen, there's never been an official road closing, with the exception of the Arts Center [Annual Arts Festival] and road races... more of a public event as opposed to a private event."

Kennedy added that she's seen illegal road closures

around town before. "One street I'm thinking of used to have a block party, and set up enough 'toys' in the middle of the street so no one could get through."

However, this wasn't authorized.

The board voted unanimously (5-0) to allow the Whoriskey wedding guests to park in the library lot the night of the June event.

### Red Lion Inn

In other wedding news, Gerd Ordelheide, owner of the Red Lion Inn, attended Tuesday's selectmen meeting and spoke out during the public comment portion of the meeting, expressing dismay over what he called "the prejudice of the town manager against the Red Lion Inn" by banning wedding ceremonies at the establishment.

Ordelheide said that Town Manager Chris Senior "forced the building inspector [Bob

Egan] to sign an order to stop wedding ceremonies" at the Inn. The business owner said these ceremonies are "normal accessory use" for his establishment.

"Weddings are booked a year in advance," said Ordelheide, adding that he was disappointed in what he believes is unfair treatment as a business owner in town who has "supported many Cohasset businesses and residents," including the Arts Center, American Legion, and Food Pantry. "I intend to help in the future, but do not expect to be treated like this as a business owner and taxpayer."

"Cohasset is very hard to do business in for restaurants," Ordelheide added, saying that when the Inn "went broke" years ago, "I took it over, and now it's a decent operation."

"What I need is your help," Ordelheide addressed the board. "What I don't need is obstruction."

The owner said that he had "multiple meetings set up" with the town manager, and "had to change business meetings in Europe and Central America" in order to attend, but Senior was a no-show.

"Mr. Senior did not have the decency to cancel the meeting; he just did not show up," said Ordelheide.

While selectmen chair Diane Kennedy said that the board could not deliberate on this matter, since it was not on the meeting's agenda, Senior countered Ordelheide's comments.

"No meetings were ever scheduled with me in my office for me not to show up for," said Senior, adding that the wedding ceremony issue is now in the hands of the Zoning Board of Appeals. "I have no further involvement on this matter."

*Look for more on this issue in an upcoming edition of the Mariner.*

## ELECTION

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Gjestebj for the selectman's seat.

Pescatore pulled nomination papers the same week Gjestebj did, when they first became available in Town Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 10. This is Pescatore's first bid for a selectmen seat.

Pescatore has served on Advisory since 2010, and as chair since 2011; he has also served as a trustee and treasurer for the Sailing Club. It's his devotion to finances (Pescatore has an MBA from Babson College and has held both CFO and CEO positions in the private sector) that sees the Advisory chairman seeking a selectman's seat.

"I have worked closely with the last three Town Managers and the Boards of Selectman to bring the town back to a sustainable fiscal position during a very unstable and challenging period for Cohasset. During my tenure the Advisory Committee has been unwavering in its focus and determination to insure that the interests of the citizens of Cohasset have been listened to and acted upon during policy formation and recommendations to Town Meetings," Pescatore said in

a statement.

This week, the two-way race heated up when Schubert announced his intention to throw his "hat in the ring."

Schubert said in a statement that he decided to vie for the selectmen's seat rather than run for reelection on the school committee; his current term expires this spring. He served two terms on the committee and has also served on the town's Budget Advisory and Governance committees; he is currently on the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) committee.

In his years on the school board, Schubert said he has "worked productively with the town administration, the district administration, staff, teachers, parents and residents. I have built successful working relationships with local and state government members and departments."

These experiences have made Schubert aware of the town's financial constraints. "I feel I have the experience and the ability to work cooperatively with many facets of the town in a positive way," he said.

"This is exciting," Gjestebj said in a phone call Wednesday, when asked how she felt about Schubert joining in the

## Positions available for the Annual Town Election

Nomination papers for the May 9, 2015 Annual Town Election are available in the Town Clerk's Office. The last day to obtain nomination papers will be Thursday, March 19; the last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification is Monday, March 23. In order to hold an elected office, you must be a registered voter of the town. Please note that you are not running for office until you take out papers and the Board of Registrars certifies your signatures.

- Selectmen for three years (1)
- School Committee for three years (2)
- Trustees Paul Pratt Memorial Library for three years (3)
- Assessor for three years (1)
- Board of Health for three years (1)
- Cohasset Housing Authority for five years (1)
- Planning Board for five years (1)
- Recreation Commission for five years (1)
- Sewer Commission for three years (1)
- Water Commission for three years (1)

fray. "We may have more, who knows?"

"It's good for the town," the veteran selectman added. "I remember years when no one ran... It's very healthy to have people run for any position; you get the issues out, and that's the important thing."

Also pulling papers are the following candidates who are all incumbents on their respective boards: Abigail Alves for the Recreation Commission, Brian Baldwin for the Sewer Commission, Leonora Jenkins for the Water Commission Debbie Krupczak for the Board

of Assessors, and Helen Nothnagle for the Housing Authority.

This week, Lynne DeGiacomo also pulled papers to serve another term as a Library Trustee.

New to the election is Katherine Dugan, who pulled papers for School Committee.

Anyone interested in running for office has until Thursday, March 19 to pull papers, and must return them by Monday, March 23.

*Look for more on this issue in an upcoming issue of the Mariner.*



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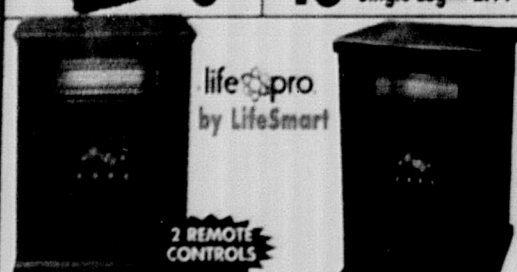
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### SPORTS NOTES

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### YOUTH BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL

#### CYBSA Spring Season Registration

Registration for the town's little league program is open through March 14th. The CYBSA offers softball leagues for players in kindergarten through 8th grade and baseball leagues for players age 5-16. For more information about the schedule and registration please go to the CYBSA website at [CYBSA.net](http://CYBSA.net)

### SKIING

#### Three qualify for States

Congrats to Caty Gilman, Hollis Hunnewell, and Sophie Matthews for qualifying for the MIAA Alpine Ski Championships at Wachusett Mountain.

### ROWING

#### 36th Annual Snow Row

The Hull Lifesaving Museum's rowing race, The Snow Row, is running for the 36th year at the very tip of Hull's peninsula, with a new date, March 21.

The race starts at 11 a.m. with a Coxswains meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Windmill Point Boat-house, 185 Main Street in Hull.

The cost is \$25 for Racers; Beach Spectators Free

Contact the Hull Lifesaving Museum, 781-925-5433 for more information.

The race covers a 3 ¼ mile triangular course starting and ending off the beach at the tip of Hull, at Windmill Point.

Entirely within view of the Boathouse, the event is as much of a thrill for spectators as for participants - a rare opportunity to see, up close, rowers of all ages from all over New England, New York, and along the East Coast, and their stunning array of wooden pulling boats -- peapods, dories, wherries, white-halls, ocean shells, kayaks, pilot gigs, captain's gigs, and Irish currachs.

Back by popular demand, the Snow Row Spectator Boat, Boston Harbor Cruise catamaran Aurora, is a perfect spot to follow the wild and woolly Snow row from start to finish. Boarding begins at 10:00 am at Pemberton Pier in Hull with the boat shoving off at 10:45 to witness the one-of-a-kind LeMans racing start. Spectator boat tickets are available online at [http://www.lifesavingmuseum.org/museumshop\\_c375955.html](http://www.lifesavingmuseum.org/museumshop_c375955.html) or are available on race day at the pier.

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### MIAA GIRLS TOURNAMENT

## Icewomen qualify, girls basketball eliminated

By William Wassersug  
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It took them to the wire, but the Cohasset/Hanover girls hockey team got the job done in the final week, picking up five points in their last four games to make the tournament for the second straight season.

The girls beat Norwell in the consolation game of last week's Gould Tournament at Hobomock Arena, and tied Quincy/North Quincy on the last day of the regular season for the invite.

Cohasset/Hanover earned the No. 23 seed in the 24-team field and opens at No. 10 Medway-Ashland.

Time and date were still TBA at press time.



Cohasset/Hanover's Valerie Farren skates during the Gould Tournament last Monday. The girls open tournament play at Medway-Ashland. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

On the basketball court, the No. 10 seeded girls basketball team bowed out

in the first round of the Division 4 South Sectional Tournament, dropping a



Cohasset Seniors Isabel McCarthy (10), Madison Hegearty (3), Meghan Fitzgerald (12) and Alexa Bleicken (21). The girls opened tournament play on Wednesday at Cathedral. They lost 48-39. COURTESY PHOTO

48-39 decision to No. 7 Cathedral (14-4) at Cathedral, Wednesday night.

Cohasset finished the season with a 13-8 record.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

## Skippers roll into tourney, win opener

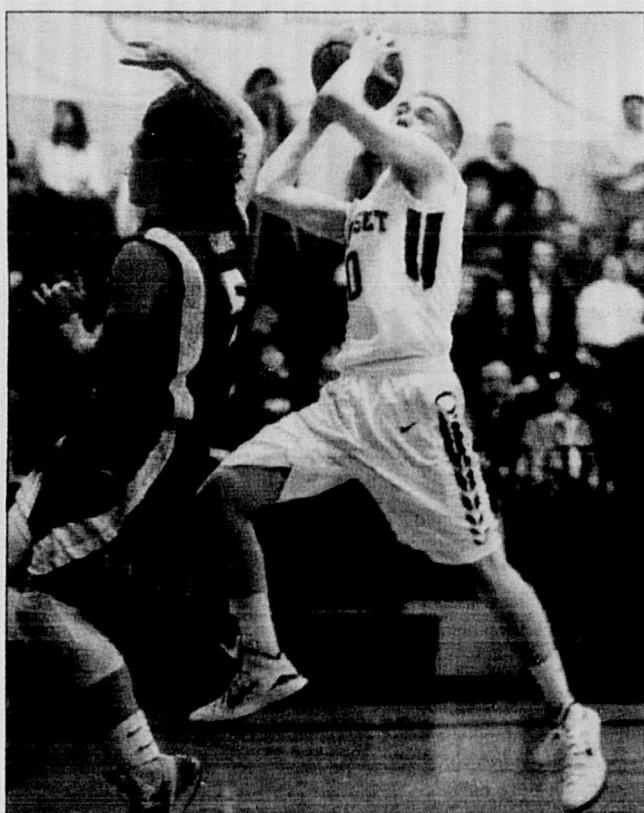
By William Wassersug  
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The regular season came to an end in a style befitting a champion on Friday night, with the Skippers beating Hull 60-31 on Friday night.

The win gave the Skippers a 15-5 regular-season record and a day off before practice for the MIAA Division 4 South Sectional Tournament.

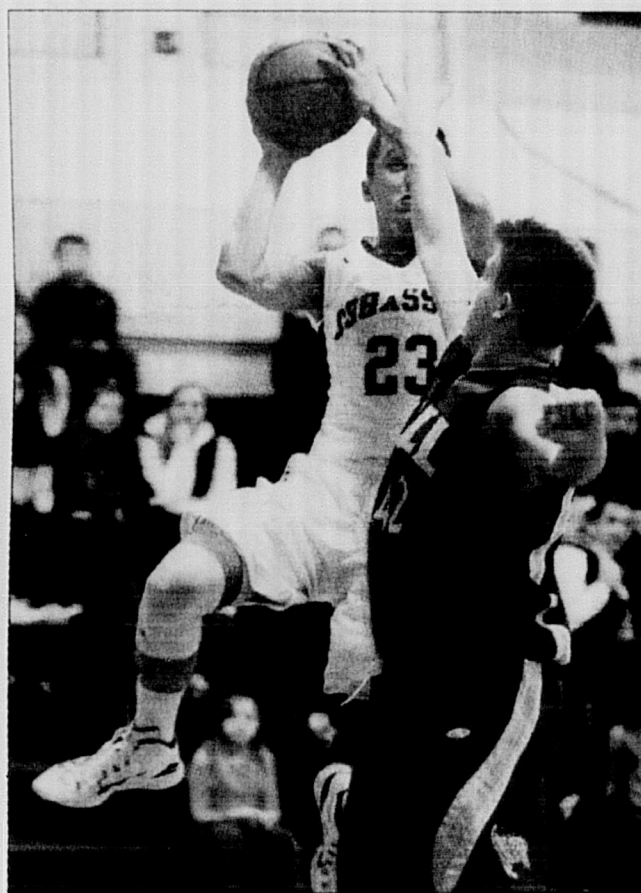
"We finished 15-5, and are South Shore League small school champions," Cohasset coach Bo Ruggiero said after the win. "Now we'll have 24 hours off. I'm sure the guys will miss their coach during that time away."

With the big lead on Senior Night, the Skippers were able to get the entire bench into the game, as Ruggiero didn't



Cohasset's Teddy Craven draws the foul and hits the layup during their win over Hull on Friday, Feb. 20. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS / ROBIN CHAN

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Patrick Federle goes up for a contested shot.

### WRESTLING

## Next stop for boys, All-States

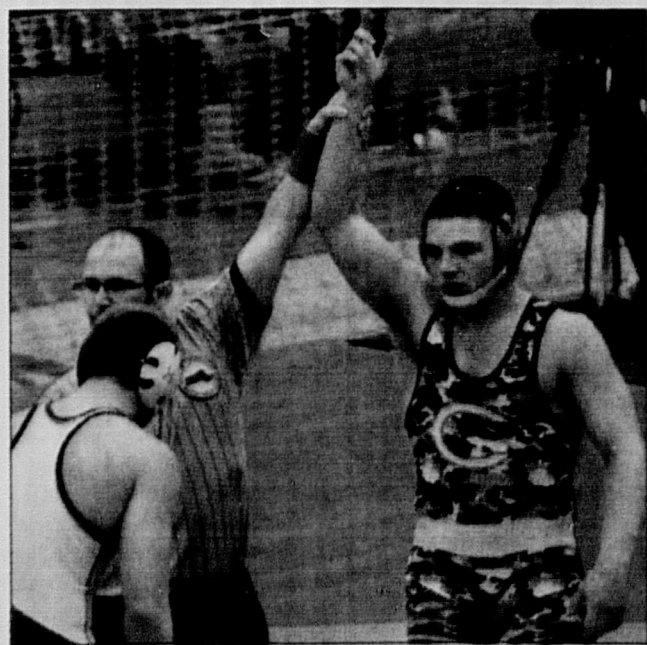
Froio wins Div. 3 title, Keniley qualifies for All-States with fourth-place finish

The weekend was good for Cohasset wrestlers at the Division 3 State Meet, with two from two of the team's stalwarts placing and qualifying for All-States.

Matt Froio continued his streak of excellence over the weekend, winning the

Division 3 State Championship at 182. Froio became Cohasset's second two-time State Champion with the win and will compete at All-States today and tomorrow.

Hayes Keniley finished fourth at 170 and also qualified.



Cohasset's Matt Froio is named winner in the championship of the Div. 3 State Tournament. COURTESY PHOTO / SUE MAVILIA

### BOYS HOCKEY

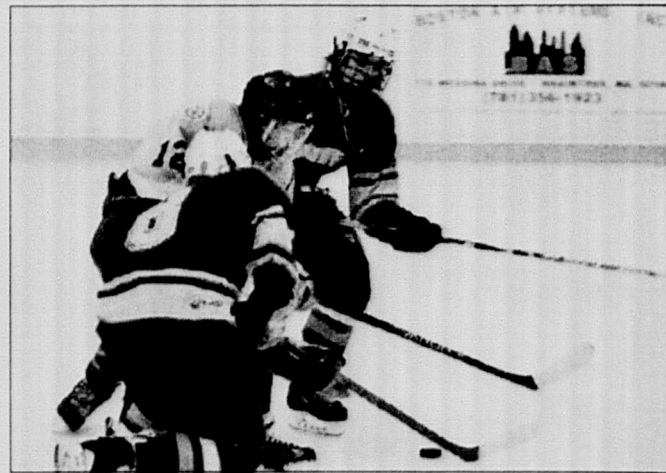
## Heartbreaker for icemen

Boys tie Norwell in title tilt, come up just short of league title

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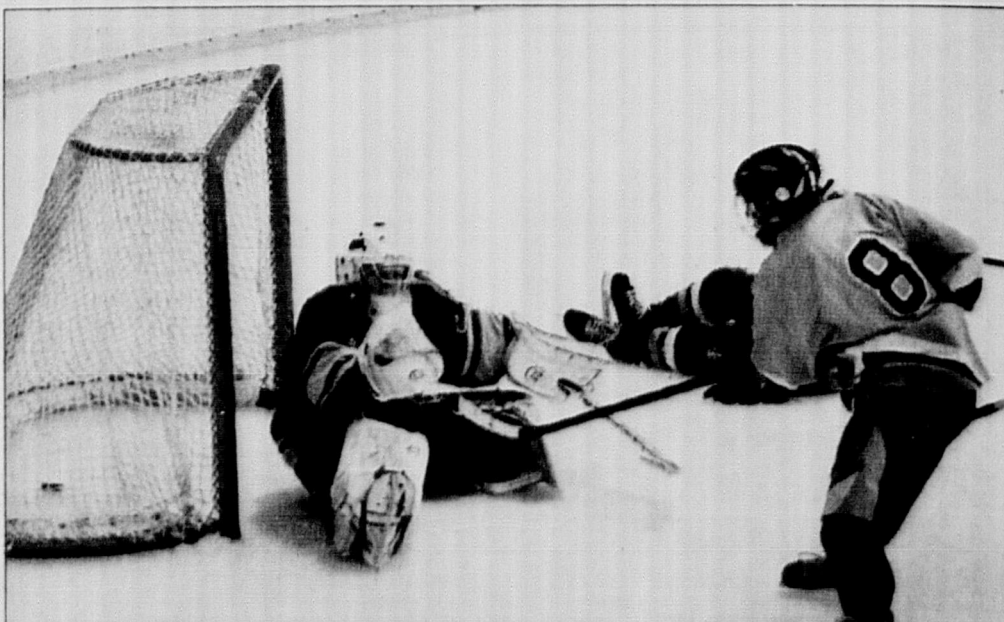
Heading into Saturday's game against Norwell at Randolph's Zapustas Arena, the Skippers had high hopes of winning a South Shore League small school championship.

All they had to do was win - unfortunately, a feat



Cohasset's Cole Joslin tries to out race a pair of Norwell defenders. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

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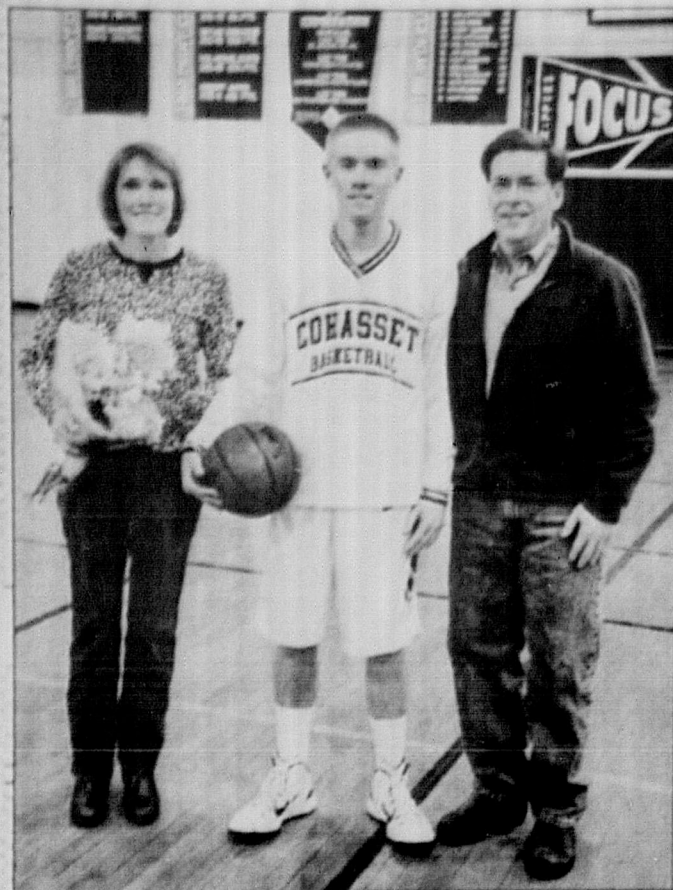


Cohasset's Curtis Golden scores at the end of the second period against Norwell on Saturday.



## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Senior Night celebration



Teddy Craven with his parents Ed and Ike. COURTESY PHOTOS

The Cohasset boys basketball team celebrated Senior Night on Friday before a 60-31 win over Hull. Here's a look at the festivities.



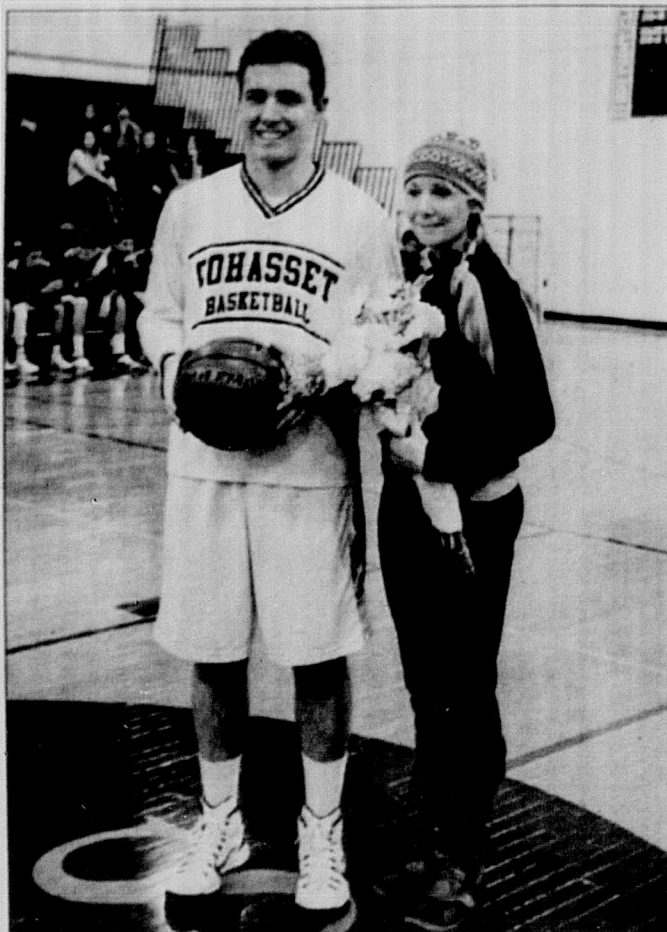
Sophomore Matthias Loft tries to draw the attention of senior Christian Cunnie while holding a large cut out likeness of Christian during senior night.



The seniors stand with their parents and coach Bo Ruggiero for senior night. The players are Harrison Martin, Jack Hoffman, Cole Morrison, Teddy Craven, Patrick Federle, Jack Chamberlain and Christian Cunnie with his parents Mike and Karen. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS / ROBIN CHAN



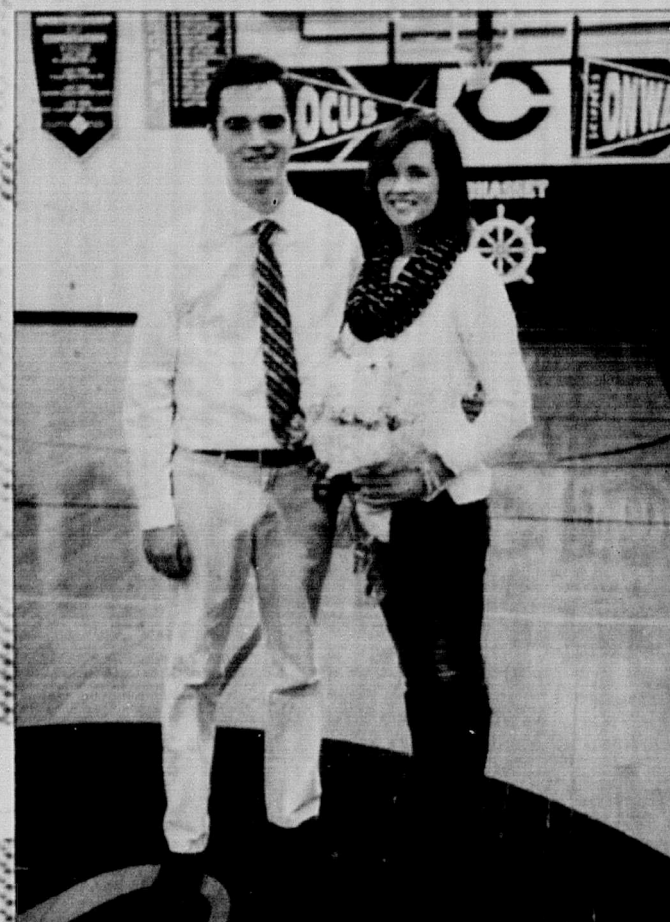
Harrison Martin with his parents Pat and Dan



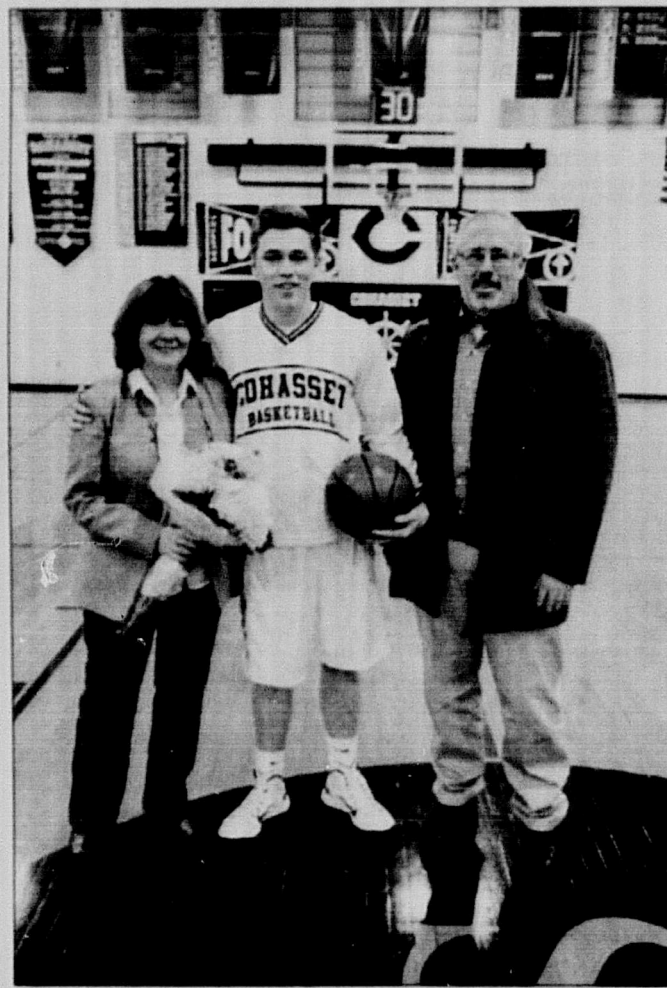
Jack Hoffman with his mother Jen.



Christian Cunnie with his parents Mike and Karen.



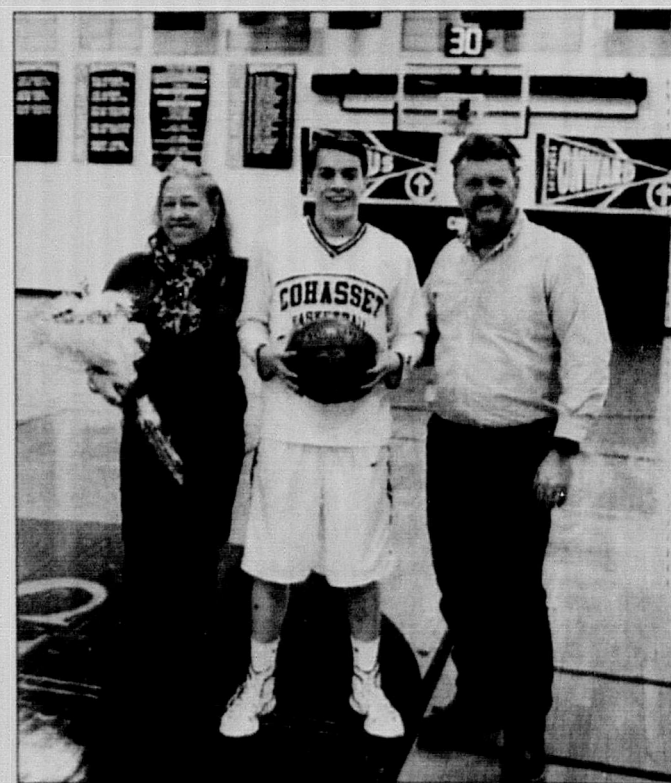
Jack Chamberlain with his mother, Maureen



Cole Morrison with his parents Jeff and Betty



Patrick Federle with his parents Mark and Regina



Senior Harrison Martin stands with his parents, Pat and Dan, with his own ball engraved with his number and name for senior night. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

## CAMP, SCHOOL and ACTIVITIES

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### TEN REASONS WHY YOUR CHILD NEEDS A SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

Part 2 By Bette Bussel, Executive Director, American Camp Association, New England

This article is continued from last week. There is no doubt that summer camp is fun. Kids get to sing silly songs, play funny games, swim in lakes, and tell spooky stories around a campfire. This is the image of camp that has been captured and memorialized in films, books, and television programs. But there's much more to camp than just a good time. For the last century and a half, experiential education in summer camp settings has played an integral role in children's overall development—cognitive, physical, and social-emotional. Here are ten reasons why your child shouldn't miss out on the unique growth experience that awaits this summer at day or overnight camp.

6. **Greater self-reliance, self-sufficiency, and self-confidence**—in addition to learning how to take responsibility for themselves, their space, and their belongings, campers often discover strengths that they never knew existed through various activities and experiences. Being at camp is independence boosting.

7. **Reduced summer learning loss**—studies have shown that during summer vacation, students can lose the equivalent of up to three months of what they've learned during the school year. Camp programs

keeping keeps a child's brain active, alert, and acquiring knowledge and skills.

8. **Positive risk-taking**—camp provides a safe, wholesome, judgment-free environment for your child to step out of their own comfort zone to take physical and emotional risks that they never would have tried during the school year.

9. **A strong sense of community**—group living and team experiences teach children how to work together for a common goal and to find their place and voice within a group. Camp communities create a powerful sense of

belonging for their campers.

10. **Memories that will last a lifetime** and experiences and skills children can build on for summers to come. When the summer ends, camp memories live on in children's hearts and minds. They take home skills and experiences that will come in handy back at school. Expect them to be enthusiastic about advancing those skills and acquiring new ones at camp next summer!

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## BBALL

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want to run up a score, and enjoys letting the next generation of Skipper stars get some game experience.

Eleven Cohasset players got in the scorebook in the game.

The 15-5 record helped the Skippers earn a No. 5 seed in the tournament

and a home game in the first round against No. 12 Old Colony.

The first round went well for the Skippers, as they notched a 62-40 win to advance to the quarterfinals at No. 4 Bristol-Plymouth (16-5) Thursday night (result unavailable at press time).

Harrison Martin led the Skippers with 29 points in the Old Colony win.

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Senior day

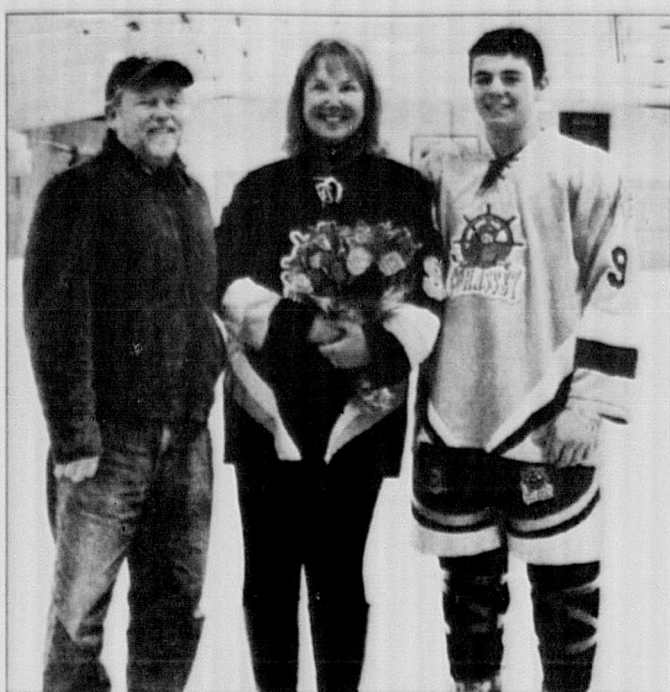
The Cohasset Boy's Ice Hockey Team recently celebrated Senior Day prior to their 6-1 victory over Weston at Pilgrim Arena in Hingham, on Monday, Feb. 15.

All six seniors started on the ice in front of a festive home crowd that included a pre-game grey carpet

ceremony where each senior took a moment to give thanks to their coaches and each of their respective families for their support throughout their hockey career.

Congratulations on a terrific senior season and career at CHS to our boys in blue.

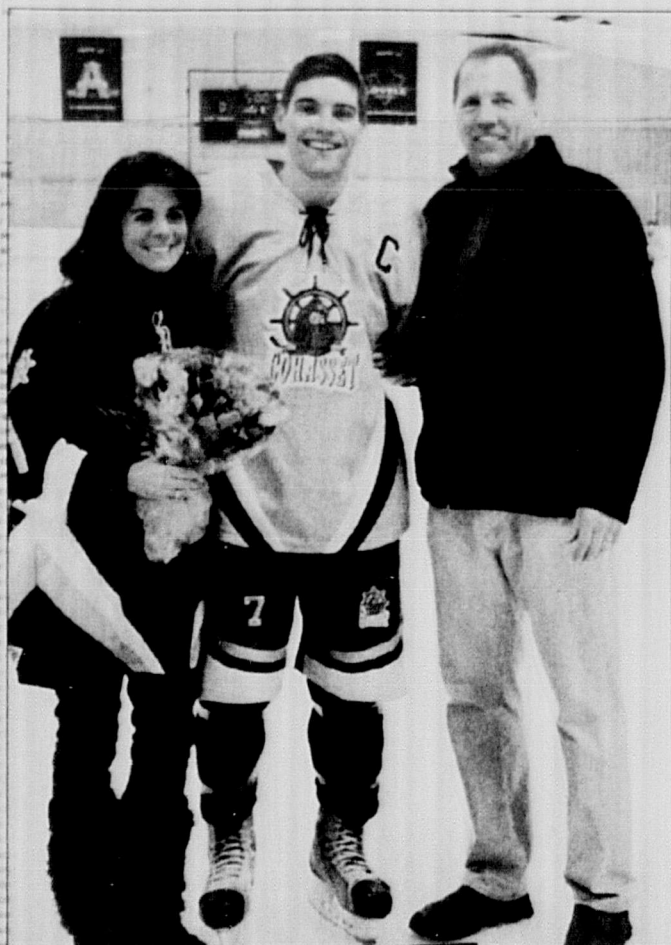
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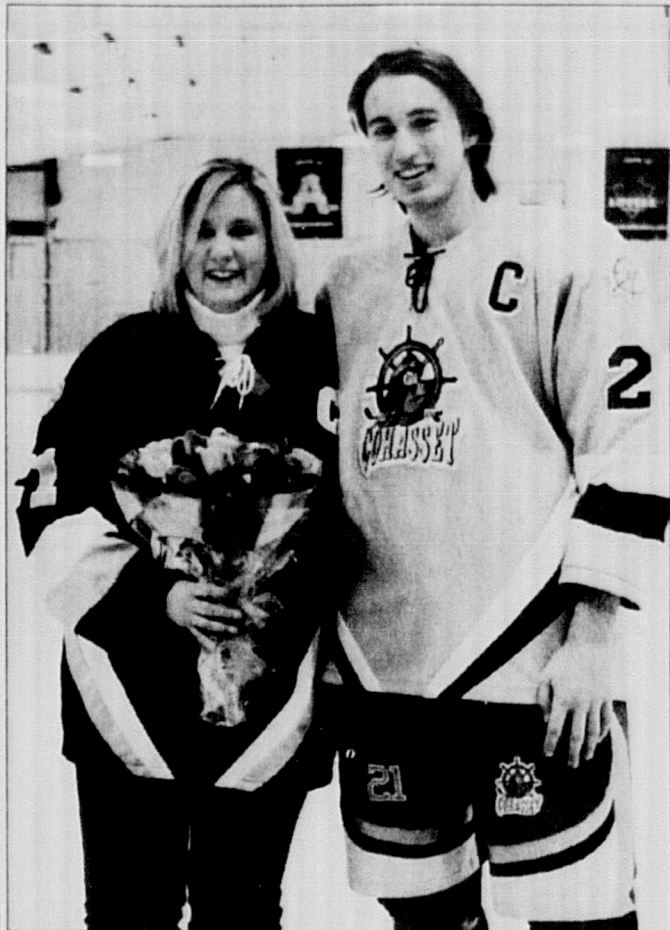
Bob Benson (dad), Diane Benson (mom), Adam Benson.



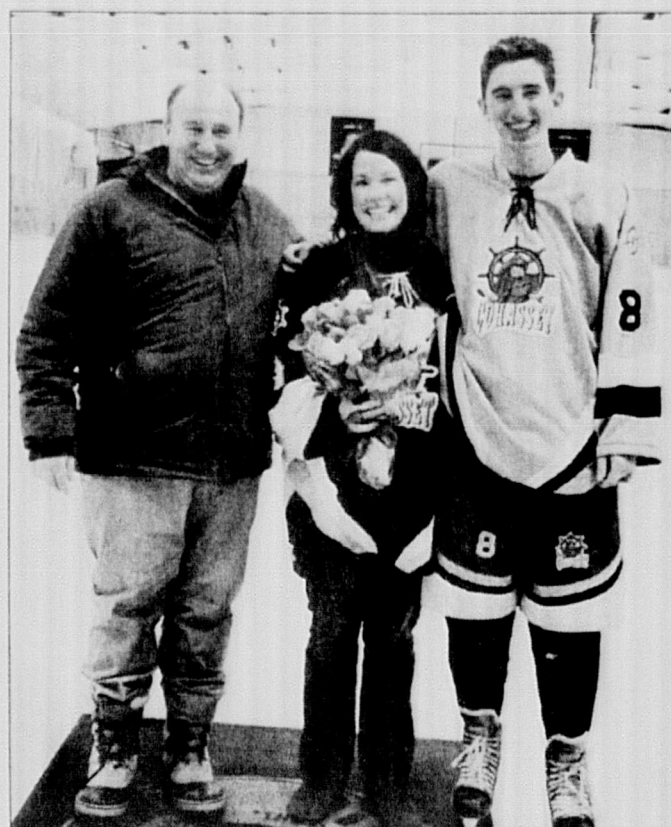
Sam Morris, Chris Lund (Cohasset Hockey Booster President)



Cheryl Lund (mom), Captain Michael Lund, Chris Lund (dad).



Christine Powers (mom), Captain Jeffrey Powers



Shaun Golden (dad), Heather Kramer (family friend), Curtis Golden.

## VOLUNTEERING

## Boys Hockey does good deed

### Hockey team shovels out Senior Housing Complex

The Cohasset hockey team helped shovel walkways and fire escapes at the Cohasset Senior Housing Complex during a community service project the Wednesday of school vacation.

The project was coordinated by Fire Chief Robert Silvia and Senior Housing Supervisor Jill Rosano.

It was a very worthwhile experience for the team to help others and give back to the town.

Cohasset coach Phil Mahoney summed up his feelings about the good deed with this letter to team parents.

Cohasset hockey parents: Too often we focus on the negative as we try to coach and parent. What did you do wrong? Why didn't you work

harder? How can you fix it? Today provided me with a great chance to sit back and see everything that is good about our hockey team. To say that I was proud would be an understatement.

The kids volunteered for a community service project and with the assistance of Fire Chief Robert Silvia and Senior Housing Supervisor Jill Rosano, they were directed to help shovel out critical areas in the Senior Housing Complex behind the fire station.

For over 2 1/2 hours, the group cleared fire escapes, walkways, parking areas, and cars that were buried in over six feet of snow. They worked hard and were happy to be providing a critical service for our town's

seniors.

After shoveling, we enjoyed a team dinner at Ava Cucina courtesy of the Hockey Boosters and had a chance to reflect on our day, our season, and where we wanted to go in the upcoming weeks. It was a great opportunity to refine our focus and prepare for the challenges ahead.

Your sons projected a great image for the hockey program and showed a willingness to help others, certainly a trait that will serve them well in the future. You should all be proud. Thanks again for the coordinating efforts of Chief Silvia and Jill Rosano and the generosity of the Boosters.

Go Skippers.



The Cohasset boys hockey team volunteered to be a part of a community service project shovelling snow at the Senior Center during vacation week. COURTESY PHOTO



Cohasset's Liam McHugh keeps watch over the puck against Norwell on Saturday. WICKED LOCAL PHOTOS / WILLIAM WASSERSUG

## HOCKEY

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that had only been done once this season against the Clippers, who finished the regular season with a 17-1-3 record that garnered them a No. 1 seed in the MIAA Div. 3 South Sectional Tournament.

Cohasset had good reason to believe it could be done. For one thing, in their previous meeting, the teams tied 4-4, and the Skippers played well enough to win, and Cohasset's record was an impressive 13-2-4 at the time.

It almost happened, and heading into the third

period of Saturday's game, it looked like the Skippers were going to pull it off.

With huge momentum on their side courtesy of a breakaway goal by Curtis Golden at the horn that gave Cohasset a 3-0 lead, it looked good. Golden finished with two goals, both in the second period, and Mike Cohen had the other, in the first period.

Things went south quickly though, and Norwell's Jin Lee scored a quick goal in the third (13:38) and went on to salvage a 3-3 tie that set off a Norwell celebration as the point was enough for the league title.

"We let a lead get away on a big stage, but there was no



Cohasset's Matt Legge tangles with Norwell's Chris Bickford on Saturday.

quit in this team," Cohasset coach Phil Mahoney said. "Norwell is the top ranked team in Division 3 and they made some nice plays when we made mistakes. We will learn from this and get better."

While Norwell drew the No. 1 seed, Cohasset drew the No. 5 seed and will open their tournament run against Thursday's preliminary-round winner, either No. 12 Dover-Sherborn (11-6-3) or No. 21 Silver Lake (8-10-2). Results of that game were unavailable at press time.

Mahoney is expecting more battles in the tournament.

"We will be faced with games like this in the near future if we want to make a run in the state tournament," he said. "We have to focus on finishing games and putting away opponents when we have the chance. Outside of that, I was very proud of our effort tonight and all year. This group is not afraid to work hard and battle and I like that mentality heading into the post-season."



Cohasset's Aidan McHugh and teammates celebrate a goal against Norwell on Saturday.



Cohasset's Curtis Golden gets a step ahead of the defense on the way to scoring at the end of the second period against Norwell on Saturday.



# Valentine's Tea

Local Cohasset senior citizens enjoy a Valentine's Day Tea in their honor. The delicious event proved to be a great winter get-together, greatly enjoyed by all!

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Beautiful food arrangements presented at the Senior Valentines Tea.



Rosemarie Engel-Conn dressed for the occasion.



Marilyn LeBlanc is the life of the party with her heart shaped glasses.



From left, Joan Trask, AJ Antoino and Shirley Kehoe enjoying good company, great food and good cheer at the senior tea at St. Anthony's Parish Hall.



The function room at St. Anthony's is a buzz with good cheer.



Volunteer Jane O'Brien dishing out the beautifully arranged sandwich plates.



Yvonne Afshar enjoying good friends.



Volunteer server Barbie Bowman is ready to serve up some smiles.



Rosemarie Engel-Conn, left, and Trudy Salerno share a warm welcome.



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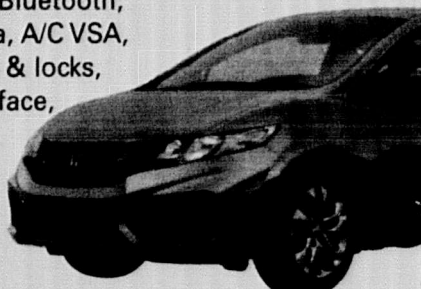


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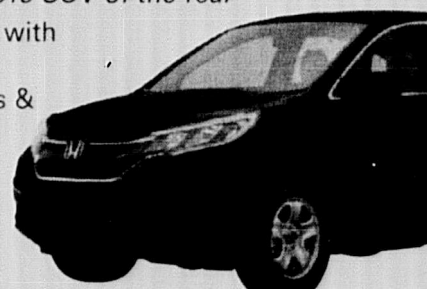


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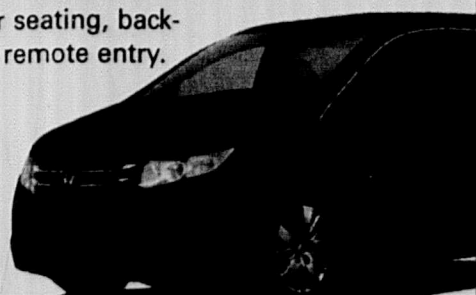
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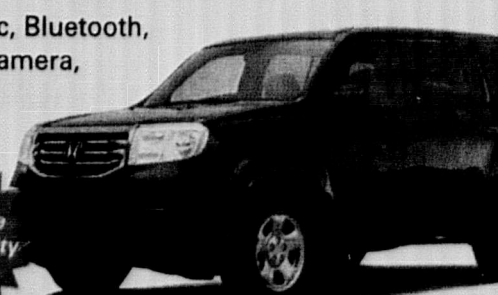
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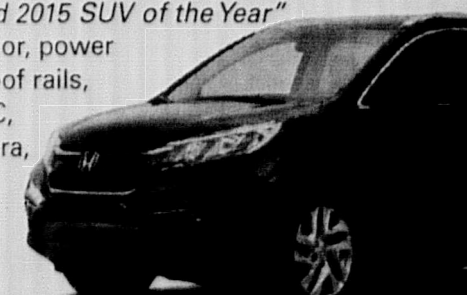
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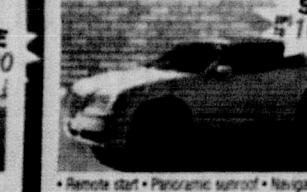
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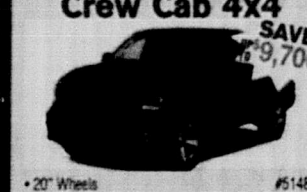
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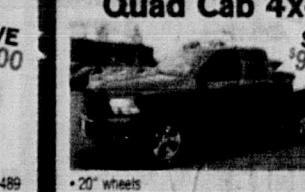
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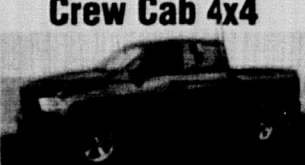
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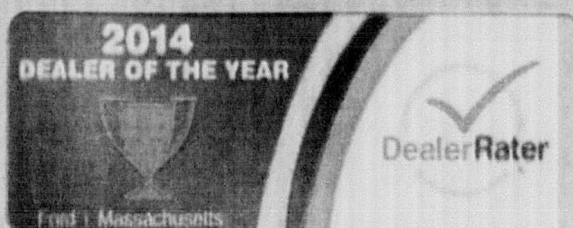


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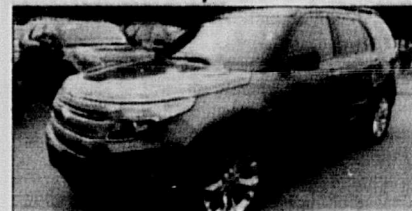
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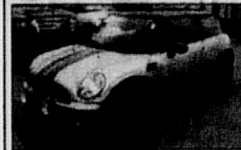
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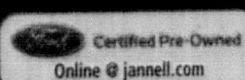
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## Derby Academy announces honor roll

Derby recently announced the semester one recipients of first and second academic honors. First honors certificates are awarded to qualifying students in grades seven and eight who have achieved an A- (90) or better average in all academic subjects, with no grade below an A- (90), and satisfactory marks in all special courses. A total of 20 students received first honors

distinction, including the following Cohasset residents:

**FIRST HONORS**

**Grade Eight:** Ben Fernando, Zander Gomez and Jenna Herman.

**Grade Seven:** Phoebe Kahn and Natalie Maher.

Second honors certificates are awarded to qualifying students in grades seven and eight who have achieved a B+

(87) or better average and no grade below a B+ (87) in all academic subjects, including satisfactory marks in other special courses. Eighteen students received second honors distinctions, including the following Cohasset residents:

**SECOND HONORS**

**Grade Eight:** Tilly McLean, Morley Pace and Henry Sherbrooke.

## BC HIGH

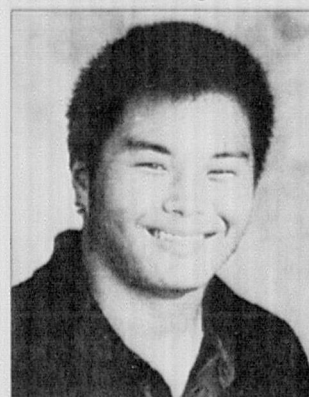
## Montefusco in National Honor Society

Matthew Montefusco of Cohasset, a junior at Boston College High School, was one of the 175 students inducted into the Robert J. Fulton, SJ chapter of the National Honor Society at the Hunter-Fahey Commons on Jan. 22.

The evening ceremony featured the chapter's Leadership Council as presenters. Ned Lipsett '15 of Hingham was the master of ceremonies.

As the new members of the National Honor Society came to the stage, they received congratulations and certificates from principal Stephen Hughes and assistant principal Charles Drane. Earlier, the inductees received gold NHS pins that were worn on their jacket lapels during the ceremony.

During the ceremony NHS moderator Patricia Keenan-Byrne welcomed the new



Matthew Montefusco of Cohasset, a junior, was inducted into the Robert J. Fulton, SJ chapter of the National Honor Society. COURTESY PHOTO

members. The evening's guest speaker was Katharine Spencer, a teacher of chemistry at BC High. Spencer offered a message to the young men about living the values of scholarship, character, leadership and service as an adult. Dr. Finnegan and the BC High Concert Band provided the music for the evening's ceremony.

## SECOND QUARTER

## Cohasset honors at BC High

The following Cohasset students achieved high honors for the second quarter of the 2014-15 school year at Boston College High School. For high honors a sophomore, junior and senior must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher.

**GRADE 12:** William T. Gildea.

**GRADE 11:** Adam J. Kucinski and Matthew H.P. Montefusco.

**GRADE 10:** Matthew P. Doyle, Griffin J. Gildea and Noel I. Hart.

**GRADE 9:** William Bowen, Daniel Driscoll and Charles Pyne.

The following Boston College High students from Cohasset achieved honors for the second quarter of the 2014-15 school year. For honors a sophomore, junior and senior must have at least a 3.20 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.165 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher.

**GRADE 12:** Tucker J. Antico, Justin Fein, Harrison Seraikas and Conor P. Sheehy.

**GRADE 11:** Charles Krumsiek.

**GRADE 10:** Ryan M. Golz, David T. Hillman, Liam P. McDonald.

## HONOR ROLL Students soar at NDA

Notre Dame Academy Principal Kathleen Colin announces the names of the Cohasset students who made honor roll for term two of the 2014-2015 school year:

**President's List:** Jillian Ahern, Carol Demick, Meghan Faherty, Elizabeth Griffin and Camerin Rawson.

**Principal's List:** Ashley Antico, Bridget Desjourdy and Taylor Kelley.

## TERM 2

## Cohasset students named to honor roll

The following students at Cohasset High School were named to the Term 2 Honor Roll for the 2014-2015 school year.

**GRADE NINE****HIGH HONORS**

Grace Alves, Madison Beach, Olivia Coveney, Maximilian Davis, Matthew Dickey, Brian Doyle, Michael Fechter, Kate Fitzpatrick, Benjamin Healey, Kyle McFetridge, Emily Moy, Margaret Norton, Deanna Rath and David Tierney.

**GRADE NINE****FIRST HONORS**

Montanna Cassel, Aidan Chamberlain, Thomas Coffey, Mary Crumley, Luca Curatola, Brooke Driscoll, Jillian Forrester, Samuel Gainey, Jane Greenip, Patrick Hagearty, Makayla Kerivan, Jake Koncius, Samuel Lelio, Jack Mahoney, Katherine McCarthy, William Osten, Kaitlyn Patterson, Katherine Quigley, Joshua Rosen, Nickolas Slamp, Lucy St. Sauveur, Andrew Sullivan, Harrison Timothy and Scott Whelan.

**GRADE NINE****SECOND HONORS**

Alexander Arnold, Derek Bennett, Owen Bleicken, Chase Bomeisler, Thomas Carrabes, Hailey Chenette, Ryan Chomphunut, Caitlin Conrad, Lauren Cuning, Katarina Douglas-Blake, Daniel Durkin, Jaylen Fonfield, Jay Frederick, Noah Froio, Liam Geyer, Grant Guempel, Elle Hansen, Colby Litchfield, Emma Loft, Elizabeth Lydon, Sean McElhinney, Sullivan Mulhern, Michael Nolan, James Norton III, Halle Pratt, Cameron Ritz, Ryder Sullivan and Samuel Sullivan.

**GRADE 10****HIGH HONORS**

Liliana Astino, Mackenzie Greene, Emma Humphrey, Eva Kearns, Sophie Matthews, Emma Morris, Yvette Wenner and Tayja Wright.

**GRADE 10****FIRST HONORS**

Elizabeth Arruda, Joseph Campedelli, Connor Curran, Henry Dormitzer, Brigid Driscoll, Michael Iantosca, Madeline Littlejohn, Marina Longo, Charlotte Marcelli, Kristi McNary.

Liam O'Connell, Danielle Picot, Alexander Schubert, Andrew Skolnick, Amanda Vitello, Jennifer Wolfe, Ava Worthington and Tamera Wright.

**GRADE 10****SECOND HONORS**

Dulaney Bernstein, Olivia Brash, Gavin Dunkelberger, Thomas Durkin, Dominique Federle, Cole Joslin, Sarah Kehoe, Erin McElhinney, Kaitlin McGovern, Kathleen McKeon, Caroline O'Brien, Margot Robbins, Charles Swartwood and Jack Tolman.

**GRADE 11****HIGH HONORS**

John Paul Adams, Olivia Arnold, John Coffman, Molly Cuning, Morgan Fechter, Brittany Guempel, Morgan Healey, Shea Kearney, Caellin McDonald, Madigan O'Neill, Emily Rosano, Julia Stanganelli, Nancy Thomas, Daniel Toomey and Sophie Wolfe.

**GRADE 11****FIRST HONORS**

Riley Austin, Daniel Axelsson, Jake Bennett, William Broderick, Kyle Burke, Henry Butenschoen, Paige

Carrabes, Joseph Cavanaro, John Clay, Meghan Considine, Brian Counihan, John Donohue, Kerry Dunn, Alba Fernandez, Maxwell Fitzgerald, Rebecca Fredey, Jacob Gainey, Grace Gaumer, Katherine Gibbons, Corey Golden, Nicholas Hall, Christian Hanke, Maris Kaplan, Rachael Karlberg, Julia Klier, Alexandra Lanier, Matthew Legge, Sean Mavilia, Natalie McFetridge, Brenden Morrissey, Callahan O'Neill, Megan Rosano, Nicholas Rosen, Margaret Seebeck, Bennett Tierney and Caroline VanEtten.

**GRADE 11****SECOND HONORS**

Owen Bernsee, Samantha Campedelli, Megan Dooley, Robert Driscoll, Jackson Dutton, Adam Game, Madison Jones, Richard Kin-scherf, Grace Lucier, Liam McHugh, Lauren McManus, Benjamin Moy, Luke Norton, Maya Placek, Madison Pratt, Julia Richardson, Nakilah Skeens, Ryan Spicer and Maria Waters.

**GRADE 12****HIGH HONORS**

Ashley Curran, Valerie Farren, Timothy Hayes, Lily

McCarthy, Samuel Morris, Kristin Timothy and Sarah Twinney.

**GRADE 12****FIRST HONORS**

Corianne Ahrens, Clara Baumgarten, Adam Benson, Alexa Bleicken, Molli Browne, Meredith Corry, Christian Cunnie, Emily Curran, Emma Davis, Brett Dooley, Erin Driscoll, Jacqueline Driscoll, Sarah Gruber, Madison Hagearty, Jacqueline Hart, Jack Hoffman, Katherine Humes, Owen Kefallinos, Elliot Keniley, Caroline Kennedy, Cassandra Lieberman, Emily Livingstone, Charlotte Norton and Jenna O'Brien.

**GRADE 12****SECOND HONORS**

Christopher Brierley, Emily Davis, Megan Fitzgerald, Matthew Froio, Catherine Gilman, Curtis Golden, Carly Gundersen, Patrick Holway, Hollis Hunnewell, Steven Iantosca, Coleman Kissick, Michael Lund, Kyle McKnight, Patrick Morin, Dagmar Seppala, Shannon Silvia, Margaret St. Sauveur and Schuyler Van Pelt.

## SEPAC

## Creating a Vision is topic on March 3

Creating a Vision, presented by Federation for Children with Special Needs and sponsored by Cohasset SEPAC, will take place from 7 to 9 p.m., on Tuesday, March 3, at Paul Pratt Library in Cohasset.

Parents will be guided through examples in how to transform their hopes and dreams into a written vision for their child's future. This is a workshop opportunity where parents can choose to participate. Participants will break down their visions into skill categories and engage in discussion about how those skills can be integrated into their child's IEP development.

The workshop will be led by Christina Moore, an

educator/parent consultant with more than 10 years of classroom special education and general education experience in both the public and private sector. She is a current and active member of CEC, International Dyslexia Association, The Dyslexia Foundation, SPaN, Special Education Surrogate Parent Program & Federation of Children with Special Needs.

For more information on many SPED topics, visit the website at [www.CohassetSEPAC.org](http://www.CohassetSEPAC.org). All Cohasset SEPAC speaker presentations are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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## COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

## Monday, Feb. 16

12:44 a.m. **Forest Ave.**, Wadleigh Park, disabled motor vehicle. A vehicle is stuck in the snow.  
 6:54 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Stop & Shop gas station, minor motor vehicle crash.  
 7:17 a.m. **N. Main St.**, MBTA station, traffic hazard. Gates are down and lights are flashing. He turned around after 10 minutes. This is an ongoing issue.  
 7:41 a.m. **Hobart Lane**, disabled motor vehicle. A car is stuck in the snow. Caller is back at the house and will return when tow truck arrives.  
 7:43 a.m. **Atlantic Avenue**, wires call. A tree is down with wires.  
 7:49 a.m. **Border St.**, CO alarm. Caller reports her CO detectors are going off. She cannot evacuate because of the snow. No symptoms. Engine 1 reports entry gained and there are CO readings. they will be evacuating the occupants. Police will be transporting the occupants to a friend's. They are still receiving high readings from the basement. The heating system was shut off. A plumber is on the scene. Heater is operational and squad 1 is awaiting national Grid's arrival.  
 7:52 a.m. **Cedar St.**, Cohasset Golf Club Maintenance, motor vehicle crash. Two car motor vehicle accident, one is a town worker. Express needed for one, use Hull St. to access.  
 8:03 a.m. **N. Main St.**, DPW. N. Main is down to one lane in the 500 block.  
 9:32 a.m. **Gammans Road**, DPW. A call was received from an elderly resident who is reporting that the road is impassable because of snow drifts.  
 9:39 a.m. **Black Rock Road**, disabled motor vehicle. Caller reports at the bottom of Black Rock there are two motor vehicles that are stuck.  
 1:01 p.m. **Sohier St.**, medical aid.  
 1:36 p.m. **Elm St.**, DPW. Caller reports snow pile at the corner is too high and cars are coming

off of Elm Court and cannot see oncoming traffic.  
 2:02 p.m. **Atlantica Ave. and Beach St.**, motor vehicle complaint. Caller reports a tractor trailer truck is hauling snow and feel the snow is piled too high and the truck should be covered. They are removing the snow from the center and bringing it to the beach. He will pass the message.  
 2:06 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle complaint. Complaint of snow removal. The snow is piled to high onto the sidewalk.  
 2:22 p.m. **Lighthouse Lane**, gas inside. Inside odor of gas reported by a walk-in to headquarters. National Grid notified of heating issue.  
 2:26 p.m. **Quonahassit Trail**, water leak ins. Message left for wiring inspector.  
 2:37 p.m. **King St.**, Sunrise, medical aid.  
 3:42 p.m. **Doane St.**, DPW. Caller is a nurse that needs to get to work tomorrow but states her street is not plowed out.  
 3:50 p.m. **Black Rock Road and Jerusalem Road**, parking complaint. Caller reports trailer and truck parked illegally.  
 3:54 p.m. **Doane St.**, property damage. Caller reports she was away for the weekend and someone plowed the driveway. They pushed the snow into the garage doors damaging the door, the frames and the wood around the doors.  
 7:51 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, mutual aid given. Units off looking for a Jeep belonging to this address. Jeep left the scene of an accident. Hingham would like it passed on that he will be charge and summonsed in the mail.  
 8:02 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, water leak ins. Wiring inspector. Water Department on call and enroute.  
 9:36 p.m. **Beechwood St.**, caller reported hearing a loud bang in her basement. Burner to the chimney blew off, no smoke or fire.  
 11:24 p.m. **N. Main St.**, MBTA station, motor vehicle crash. Caller reports a vehicle appears to be rolled over past the tracks on the Cohasset side. No one on the tracks.

## Tuesday, Feb. 17

1:16 a.m. **Schofield Road**, water leak ins. Wiring inspector is requested to the scene.  
 3:31 a.m. **Sky View Way**, well being check.  
 6:56 a.m. **Ash St.**, disabled motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is stuck in the snow. Wrecker Express is enroute.  
 7:01 a.m. **Cedar Acres Lane**, CO alarm. Caller reports his CO alarms are going off. There is a strong odor in the basement. No symptoms but they are outside. Units venting.  
 7:06 a.m. **Joy Place**, water leak ins. The second floor is leaking. Power and water has been shut off to the property.  
 7:12 a.m. **Hill St.**, DPW, request DPW to sand the hills area.  
 7:52 a.m. **Avalon Drive**, medical aid.  
 8:08 a.m. **N. Main St.**, MBTA back entrance, traffic hazard. Caller stating the gate is not going down when the train passes. T notified. MBTA has suspended service, train stuck at Weymouth Landing.  
 10:43 a.m. **Hull St.**, assist public. A resident would like to shovel out the hydrant and needs fire to come and mark it, as it is not visible.  
 10:47 a.m. **Locust Road**, medical aid.  
 11:02 a.m. **N. Main St.**, Robbins Garage, smoke odor. Business owner reports smell of smoke in the building. The building has been evacuated. Nothing found, owner on scene.  
 11:09 a.m. **Pond St.**, smoke odor. Strange odor in her unit. No hazard, odor from delivery of oil.  
 11:33 a.m. **Elm St.**, DPW, town DPW notified of deteriorating road conditions.  
 11:53 a.m. **N. Main St.**, animal call. A dog is running in the street: will hold on to dog for now.  
 12:23 p.m. **King St.**, Sunrise, medical aid.  
 12:50 p.m. **Atlantic Avenue**, motor vehicle crash. Minor personal injury and they need an ambulance. Express notified.  
 2:05 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Super Stop &

Shop, medical aid. A woman has fallen in parking lot.  
 2:36 p.m. **Avalon Drive**, water leak. Caller reports a burst pipe water leaking inside, wiring inspector advised.  
 2:42 p.m. **Avalon Drive**, water leak. Alarm company reports a water leak activation. Two other calls from residents reporting a leak and alarms.  
 4:04 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, electrical problem inside. Caller smells something electrical burning, advised to wait outside for the fire department. Electrical smell is from down draft in chimney. Everything appears to be normal.  
 5:49 p.m. **Norfolk Road**, disabled motor vehicle. Caller reports her vehicle is stuck in the driveway. AAA would not send a tow until the officer can confirm its safe.  
 6:53 p.m. **Bancroft Road**, notification. Female reports that she had to leave her car by the tennis courts because her street has not been plowed yet.  
 8:01 p.m. **Pond St.**, DPW, multiple calls for Pond Street requesting sander for the road conditions. Cars having issues with getting up the hill.  
 10:13 p.m. **Margin and Stockbridge streets**, disturbance. Trucks/heavy machinery is working in the area.  
 10:50 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Stop & Shop, notification. Caller reports that his mother's vehicle is broken down and is in a parking space. They called AAA and they can't get out until the morning.

## Wed, Feb. 18

7:50 a.m. **Church and Doane streets**, disabled motor vehicle, a woman with autistic son in car, broken down in middle of intersection. Courtesy transport over the Scituate line.  
 8:45 a.m. **Jerusalem Road**, gas inside. Fire department to handle, reports to have National Grid to the scene.  
 9:36 a.m. **S. Main St.**, fire investigation. Caller fears her roof may be unsound. There is a minor amount of water leaking. Building inspector enroute.  
 10:37 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, fire

investigation. A CO and fire detector investigation.  
 1:46 p.m. **Cushing Road**, gas outside. National Grid to check outside odor of gas.  
 6:01 p.m. **King St.**, Mobil Mart, disabled motor vehicle. A tractor trailer is stuck in the snow. Drive was able to free vehicle.  
 6:45 p.m. **N. Main St.**, MBTA station back entrance, traffic hazard. Walk in to station reports train lights are malfunctioning.

## Thursday, Feb. 19

11:09 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, fire investigation. The sprinkler heads are pushing through the ceiling. Owner has a building structural engineer coming down. Management company is responsible to remove the snow.  
 11:38 a.m. **Beechwood St. and Hillside Drive**, traffic hazard. Tractor snow blowing snow into the street.  
 12:26 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Bank of America, follow-up police department investigation.  
 1:24 p.m. **Bow St.**, disabled motor vehicle third party caller reports friends car is stuck on ice and requests assistance.  
 1:35 p.m. **Lamberts Lane**, fire investigation.  
 3:02 p.m. **Elm St.**, CPD, lost property. Walk in reports a 30 by 50 foot dock. See report.  
 4:50 p.m. **N. Main St.**, MBTA back entrance, traffic hazard. Caller reports the lights went off, but the gate did not come down.  
 6:22 p.m. **Pond St.**, medical aid.  
 6:30 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Harborview Center for Nursing, medical aid.

## Friday, Feb. 20

2:35 a.m. **S. Main St.**, suspicious vehicle. Caller reports SUV parked in front of his home. A similar incident occurred last week. Vehicle could be stuck in snow bank.  
 6:12 a.m. **King St.**, disabled motor vehicle. Caller reports his Jeep is in the parking lot next door to Dunkin Donuts. Waiting for AAA.  
 7:54 a.m. **Elm and Margin streets**, traffic hazard. Asphalt is torn up in the middle of the road and it is sticking up at a 90-degree angle.  
 8:13 a.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.  
 8:13 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, MBTA station, medical aid.  
 10:10 a.m. **Fairoaks Lane**, CO alarm. No levels in the residence, homeowner t contact an electrician.  
 2:23 p.m. **Locust Road**, assist public.  
 3:35 p.m. **Red Gate Lane**, fire investigation. Possible delayed ignition. No levels in the house, heating system is ok.  
 4:35 p.m. **Elm St.**, medical aid.  
 8:50 a.m. **Aaron River Road**, noise complaint. Motor bikes are racing around the reservoir area.  
 8:53 p.m. **Mill Lane**, traffic hazard. Mill Lane needs to be widened. She had to back up to let car pass and was almost rear ended on Beechwood St.

## Saturday, Feb. 21

1:33 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, Harborview Center for Nursing, medical aid.  
 9:12 a.m. **Forest Avenue and Jerusalem Road**, caller reports the hydrant is snow covered.  
 9:24 a.m. **Ripley Road**, U.S. Post Office, hit and run motor vehicle crash. Caller reports he said someone backed into his truck about an hour ago and took off.  
 10:56 a.m. **Elm St.**, warrant. Out serving a warrant; negative results.  
 11:20 a.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.  
 12:33 p.m. **Lawson Road**, Scituate, mutual ambulance aid given.  
 1:46 p.m. **Jerusalem Road**, suspicious activity. Neighbor is away. Caller reports that there are footprints all over the place and there is a screen on the snow. Residence is secure and they spoke to the caller who will notify the owner.  
 3:29 p.m. **S. Main St.**, Red Lion Inn, gas inside. Inside odor of gas in room 2. Caller will be at front desk. National Grid notified. NG has found no readings of gas and are continuing to check.  
 5:06 p.m. **Lothrop Lane**, medical aid.  
 5:15 p.m. **Chief Justice Cushing Highway**, erratic operation of a motor vehicle going towards Scituate.  
 5:15 p.m. **Elm St.**, DPW, CPD, requests DPW notified roads are getting slick.  
 7:43 p.m. **Aaron River Road**, suspicious activity. Caller reports she can see people racing on the reservoir.

## Legal Notices

### 87 PLEASANT STREET LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF COHASSET ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS



A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 2, 2015 at 8:45PM** to hear and act upon an application for an **APPEAL** filed by Attorney Michael C. Hayes on behalf of his clients, Martin G. Corry, Jr. and Jane M. Corry, of 81 Pleasant Street, of the Building Inspector's decision to issue a building permit for a single family home at **87 Pleasant Street** (landowner, Andrew Spath of 41 Cavanaugh Road, Scituate, MA 02066). According to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #15.01.16.

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### ZBA/132 CHIEF JUSTICE HIGHWAY LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF COHASSET ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS



A public hearing will be held at the **Town Hall** on **Monday, March 2, 2015 at 9:00PM** to hear and act upon an application for a **VARIANCE**, pursuant to §6.5 and any further relief as the Board deems appropriate. The applicant, Kevin Duggan of Metro Sign and Awning on behalf of his clients, Connell Cohasset Greenbush, LLC for seeks approval for signage at **132 Chief Justice Highway**. According to the application on file in the Town Clerk's Office. File #15.01.30.

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## OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

## Eugenia B. Symopoulos

KINGSTON - Eugenia B. Symopoulos, 95, of Kingston, quietly passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Formerly of Cohasset and Lowell, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Delia (Avrocoam) Backas, and was raised in the Laganas family of Lowell. She was the beloved wife of the late Demosthenes Symopoulos. Loving mother of Dyanne Moeller and her husband Mark, and cherished grandmother of Matthew, all from Kingston. She graduated Lowell High School, attended secretarial school and employed at General Electric and Hitchcock Shoes. Jeanne was passionate in her endeavors on life, with family, friends, and religion. She was one of the three founders of the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Cohasset. She was an active member of many organizations and fundraisers. She was past president of the Philoptochos Society, and the Garden Club of Cohasset, winning first prizes in floral arrangements. She was also active in the Cohasset Historical Society. An avid painter and a love of the ocean rendered many seascape canvases. She graciously entertained and delighted in sharing her views, especially while needlepointing with the stitching club.



Eugenia B. Symopoulos

Jeanne is survived by her sister-in-law Fotine Symopoulos, her nephews Harry Backas, Steven Symopoulos, Chris Routsis, Constantine Laganas, nieces Connie Ballinger, Robin Paulus, Toni Symopoulos, and many dear cousins, grand nephews and grand nieces. She was predeceased by her brother Chris Backas and wife Betty, and sister-in-law to Theodore and Alice Symopoulos, Georgia Soteropoulos, Maria Routsis, aunt to Steven Backas.

Visiting was held from 10:30 am to 11:00 am on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset and was followed by a funeral service at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to The Nativity-Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 811 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, MA 02025. For an online guestbook, please visit [www.mcnamara-sparrell.com](http://www.mcnamara-sparrell.com).

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## Katherine B. Whitley

COHASSET - Katherine B. "Kitty" (Ohl) Whitley of Cohasset, MA, died on February 16, 2015.

She was born in Boston, on September 7, 1935, the daughter of Edwin N. and Harriet H. Ohl. She attended the Madeira School in Virginia and graduated from Boston University in 1959. She taught for many years in Cohasset and as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malaysia and Fiji.

She was the beloved wife of Roger S. Whitley and the mother of Sarah W. Ferguson of Princeton, NJ, and Alison F. Whitley of New Britain, CT. She leaves her sister Anstiss C. Miller of Melbourne, FL, and her brothers Michael Ohl of Denver, CO, Charles B. Ohl of Glen, NH, and Edwin Ohl of

Washington, DC, along with two grandchildren, Andrew D. Ferguson of Sydney, Australia, and Martha W. Ferguson of San Francisco, CA, and her cousin Harriet H. Nicol of Pomona, NY. She was predeceased by her cousin Moses Williams.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to St. Stephen's Church (memo: Outreach Ministry), or to the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025.

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## Wendy A. Smith

GEORGETOWN - Wendy Ann (Daley) Smith, 51, recently of Georgetown, MA, died suddenly February 9, 2015. Born July 12, 1963 in Boston, she grew up in Cohasset, MA and Nashua, NH.

She was the dearly loved mother of twin girls Alexa Kip Smith and Morgan Lee Smith, both of Carlisle. She was the cherished daughter of Joan (Kip) Lyons and the late John A. Lyons of Plymouth; and the late Daniel J. Daley of Canton. She is also survived by her half-brother, Kip Lyons of Clinton, CT; step-sisters Heather Wakelin, UAE and Biddeford, ME; Carrie Nissi, Bradford; and Jody Bowskill, Belfast, ME. She was also step-sister to the late Dirk Lyons, Woodstock, NH.

Wendy graduated from the Tilton School, Tilton, NH in 1982 and the University of New Hampshire, Durham, class of 1986. After college she worked as a property manager for the Finch Group in Boston. As the former wife of Gregory Smith, she and their family moved to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for several years, and then on to Paris, France for three years before settling back in the States.

Wendy was a lovely, very warm, generous, loving and funny person who will be missed by all who knew her. Among her favorite things in life were all animals (especially golden retrievers), warm sunny weather, a day at the beach, and traveling far and wide. She loved fashion and interior decorating and her favorite flowers were irises. Her decorating was exquisite and always admired by friends and family. She was also an accomplished skier and tennis player. Above all else in her life though was the love and pride she took in her beautiful twin girls.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Wendy's memory (as Kip Lyons' sister) to Vista Vocational and Life Skills Center, 1356 Old Clinton Road, Westbrook, CT 06498. A private memorial will be held at a later date.

On line condolences can be made at [richarddavisfuneralhome.com](http://richarddavisfuneralhome.com).



Wendy A. Smith

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## DISHING IT OUT

# Barbecue at its best at Memphis Joe's

## Meet owner Joe Perette

By Robert Aicardi  
baicardi@wickedlocal.com

*We're Dishing it Out this week at Memphis Joe's in Weymouth where tasty and tantalizing barbecue specialties are slow smoked to serve up the best flavors in a fun, casual setting.*

**Name and position:**  
Joe Perette, owner.

**How long have you been in business?**  
Just about a year.

**How would you describe the kind of food Memphis Joe's serves?**

We focus on barbecue. We smoke all our food right on site. The ribs take seven hours to smoke and the pork and brisket take 12 hours to smoke.

**What are some of your most popular menu offerings?**

One of our specialties is our burger, but our pub pizzas are very popular, too. The parmesan chicken fingers is one of our signature appetizers. But we have something for everyone. We have standard American food as well as a barbecue menu. And by the way, we make all of our barbecue sauces.

**Favorite dish on the menu:**

I like the ribs. I think our ribs are outstanding.

**What's new on the menu?**

Tex Mex is just a month old, and we have a Taco Tuesday Night when you can get all the tacos you can eat for \$8.99.

**How often does the menu change?**

The menu doesn't change a lot, but we do occasionally add specials, such as chicken wings, during sports events.

**What vegan, vegetarian or gluten free options are offered?**

We don't specify gluten free items, but we do have macaroni and cheese and other items that don't have gluten.

**Do you use locally grown food/produce in the restaurant's dishes?**

In the summer, we serve locally grown corn, but that's about the extent of it.

### See Food Online!

Watch online as Memphis Joe owner Joe Perette prepares some of his favorite barbecue specialties including dry rubbed, slow cooked ribs and Carolina pulled pork. Check out the video on the homepage of your Wicked Local website.

### What's on tap at Memphis Joe's?

We feature a large selection of draught beers but also offer select bourbons and southern style drinks.

### What's the best part about Memphis Joe's?

It's a fun place. We have 18 flat screen TVs so it's extra exciting during big sports events.

### What makes Memphis Joe's stand apart from other restaurants in the area?

There's nothing like it around when it comes to a sit down, full service barbecue restaurant.

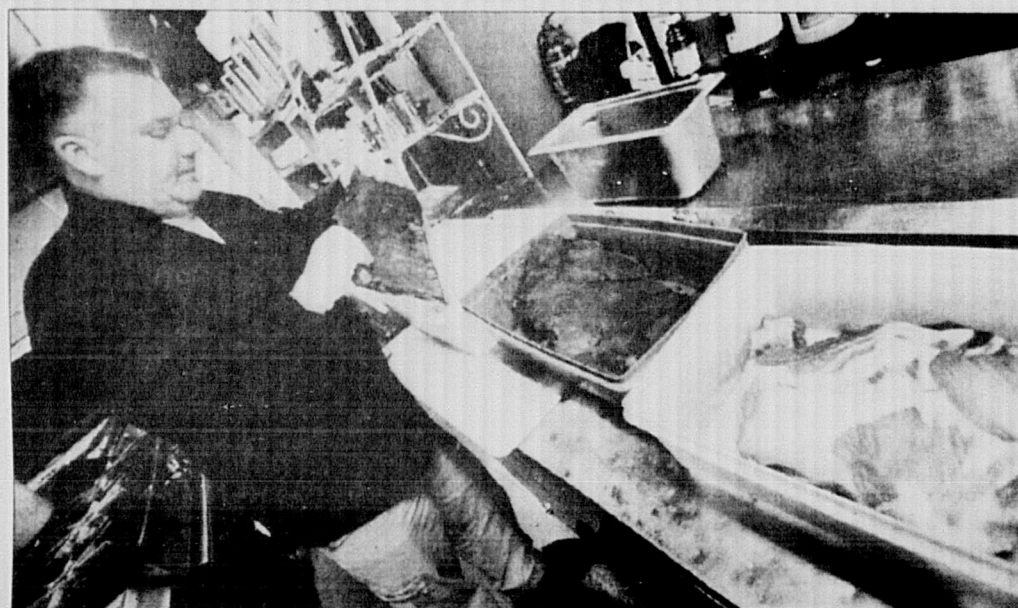
### About Memphis Joe's:

A restaurant that prides itself on serving "the area's best BBQ," Memphis Joe's is located at 450 Washington St. in Weymouth. It's open seven days a week from noon to 1 a.m. Among the items on the menu are dry rubbed ribs, North Carolina pulled pork, Texas brisket and fried catfish. Sandwiches



Memphis Joe's BBQ owner Joe Perette sits by a rib dinner. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTOS/TOM GORMAN

and pizzas range from \$6 to \$10, while specialty dishes and entrees such as T-bone steaks and chicken Parmesan range from \$12 to \$19. For the menu and more information check out the website: <http://memphisjoes.com> or call 781-337-5800.



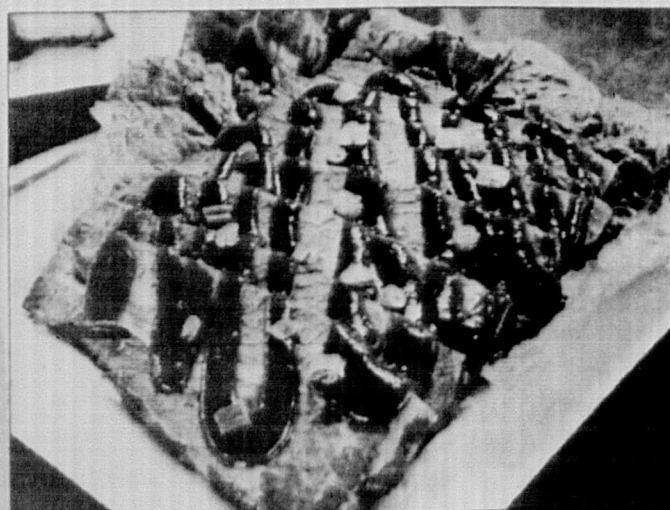
Memphis Joe's BBQ owner Joe Perette prepares a rub on a rack of ribs in the kitchen.



A pulled pork sandwich is piled high with meat.

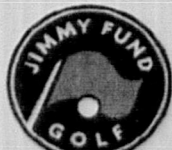


Memphis Joe's BBQ owner Joe Perette poses at a table with his restaurant's favorite dishes.



A BBQ brisket sits on a bed of lettuce.

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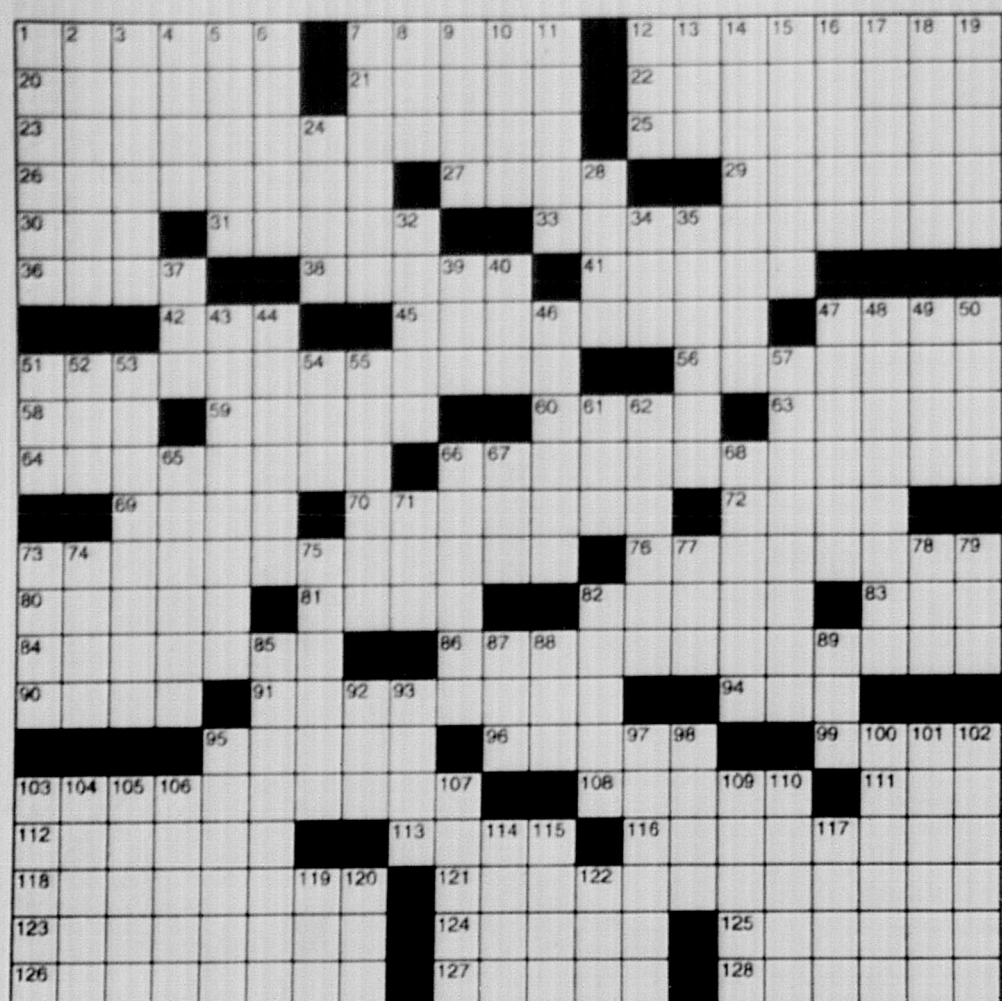
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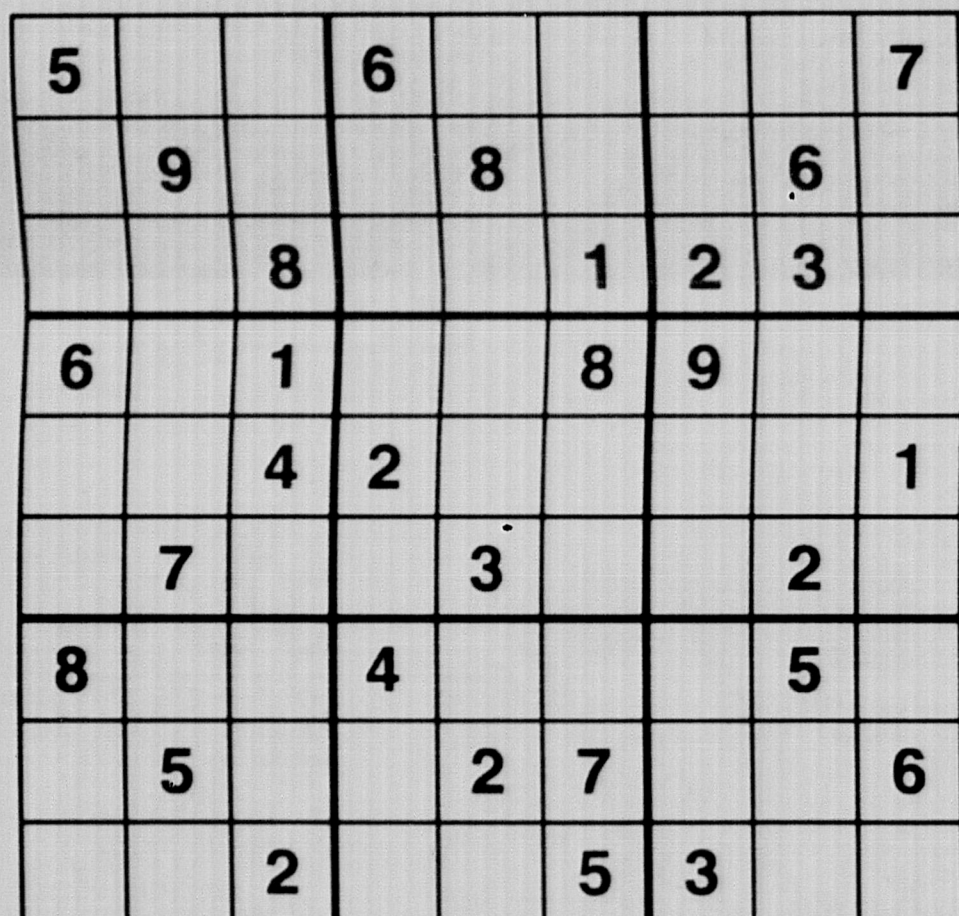
## PUZZLES

## Crossword - Shall I Compare Thee?



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22 "Mona Lisa"  
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suffering  
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- 56 Vacuum tube  
variety  
58 Pastoral tract  
59 Spanish for  
"houses"  
60 Prefix with  
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63 Charles of  
chair design  
64 Founding  
father  
Franklin  
66 Hemingway  
feeling more  
uptight?  
69 Noblewoman  
70 Flowers from  
Mexico  
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14 First-rate  
15 "Actually ..."  
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17 Nosy sort  
18 "Someone  
Like You"  
singer  
19 Lichen-filled  
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32 Drug busters  
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53 Vendor's  
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54 "Do — say,  
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examined  
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Alexander  
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drugs  
68 Come to light  
71 Jackie's #2  
73 "Curses!"  
74 Jai —  
75 Basso Silepi
- 77 That girl's  
host Jim  
78 Here, to Fifi  
79 Fidel's friend  
82 Immerse  
85 Opposite  
87 Pretend  
88 Long-jawed  
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89 Biblical beast  
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102 Singer  
Simpson  
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Mayflower  
105 Chili server  
106 Boxer  
Griffith  
107 Fortuitous  
109 Pole dance?  
110 "Oh My My"  
singer Ringo  
114 Lion's locks  
115 "SOS!"  
e.g.  
117 Drescher or  
Tarkenton  
119 Gift for music  
lines: Abbr.  
122 Gathered

## Sudoku



Level: Moderate

## Here's How It Works:

**Sudoku** puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

## Magic Maze - Rose

I Y V S S Q N K H E B Y W T R  
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M E E F F O C T E K I I T G E  
C A E S Y W U U S S Q L P E N  
L J H K E F E N E I C R G R P  
A Y X C O N F E D E R A T E V  
U S Q P Y R A N M K B H J T H  
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Baby China Cotton Tea  
Cabbage Christmas Desert Tokyo  
Charlie Coffee Ground Winter  
Cherokee Confederate Japanese

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## HOROSCOPE

## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Having second thoughts could be a good thing, even if you're determined to go through with your plans. You might find it worthwhile to take a fresh look at how things have been set up.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Financial matters could continue to be a problem until you're able to straighten out some of the more pesky situations. Once that happens, the rest should be easier to unravel.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Family matters once again take center stage, and should be dealt with competently and quickly. And, again, insist on others taking on their fair share of the responsibilities.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your creative pursuits seem to be running into a roadblock. But rather than blame outside factors, look within to see if you might be holding back your efforts for some reason.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Keep that keen Cat's Eye focused on rel-

evant aspects of this new situation in your life. Don't be distracted by trivial matters. You need the pertinent facts before making a decision.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) As much as you prefer doing things on your own, continue to accept help if you still need to resolve the problem affecting your project. Some cheerful news is about to come your way.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) While you might begrudge the added time it will take to get your project from point A to B to C, etc., you could benefit from the facts that will emerge over this expanded time span.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Regarding your workplace suggestions, be prepared to produce the facts to counter reactions from skeptics who feel your approach is unreasonable or even impossible.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Savvy Sagittarians will look for work-related answers on their own rather than rely on

unproved assumptions. It might take more time to do so, but the payoff is worth it.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects continue to favor family issues, with special emphasis this week on changes in and around your home. Get everyone to suggest what he or she would like to see done.

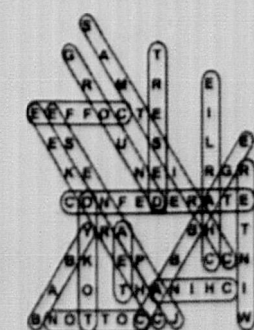
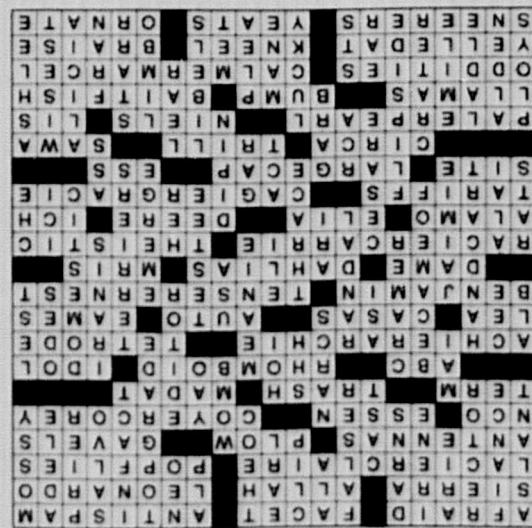
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A matter you thought had been settled might still produce surprises. Best advice: Continue to gather facts to bolster your position just in case you need to produce them quickly.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) While your instincts are usually right when discerning 'twixt truth and deception, you could benefit from doing more research on the new "prospect" that you've been pitched.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your wisdom is only matched by your generosity, making you the sort of friend everyone hopes to have.

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## SOLUTIONS



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# CALENDAR

## Les Sampou along with a cappella group Random Chants

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

**WHERE:** East Weymouth's Music at Sanctuary Hall, at East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St. in Jackson Square, East Weymouth.

**INFO:** Opening for Les will be South Shore-based a cappella group Random Chants. Tickets are \$15, with discounts for seniors, students, families and groups. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for



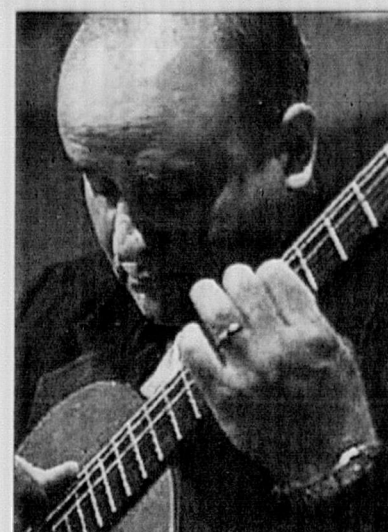
coffee and dessert, and the music starts at 8. Get advance tickets at brownpapertickets.org. For concert info call 781-974-3503 or go to www.musicatsanctuaryhall.org.



## Paintings by Hingham artist Susan Ahearn

**WHEN:** Opening reception Friday, March 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. **WHERE:** James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St in Norwell.

**INFO:** Exhibit will be on display March 6 to 28. Paintings are available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the non-profit James. 781-659-7100, jameslibrary.org or susanahearnart.com



## Classical guitarist Jose Manuel Lezcano with soprano Rosa Tamarit Sumalla

**WHEN:** 3 p.m. Sunday, March 1.

**WHERE:** The Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham.

**INFO:** Due to the weather in January, this concert was rescheduled. Lezcano and Sumalla will perform music of the Ibero-American world in this free concert.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 28

**Mass Audubon** presents Birding Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at North River Wildlife Sanctuary, 2000 Main St., Marshfield. Preregistration is required at www.massaudubon.org/southshore or by calling 781-837-9400. \$41/\$33 member.

**Blood Drive** hosted by Norwell Girl Scouts for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital at St. Helen's Church, 383 Washington St., Route 53, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Girl Scouts will also host a bake sale. For appointments, email BloodDonor@partners.org using SUBJECT: Norwell Girl Scouts, and give two preferred appointment times.

**Third annual Kid's Day FUN RAISER** presented by The Scituate Chamber of Commerce and The Scituate St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Scituate Harbor Community Building. The event will be hosted by 2012 Parade Mayor Jean Di Giacomandrea. This family friendly event features Keith Michael Johnson's Bubbleology, The Magic of the Great Rolando, Rain Forest Reptiles Show, crafts, face painting, a make your own sundae bar and more. Tickets are \$10 each for up to a family of four additional family members are \$5 each. Information: weloveaparade.com, 781-545-4000.

**Jesus from Cradle to Grave Weekend Lecture Series** at First Parish of Norwell, 24 River St., Norwell, Feb. 27-28. Members of the public are invited to join in a candid discussion of the birth and death of the historical Jesus at a weekend lecture series sponsored jointly by First Parish of Norwell and Westar Institute. Registration is \$75 for all three events and \$50 for additional family members. The individual cost is \$20 for Friday evening and \$30 each for Saturday morning and afternoon sessions. Register at 503-375-5323, or westarinstitute.org/regional-programs/jsor-registration. Questions to Rev. Len De Roche at 781-659-7288 or lenderoche@verizon.net.

**Gruesome Playground Injuries and Shel's Shorts** presented by Bridgewater State University Theater and Dance as part of its annual BAM! Student Festival. Gruesome Playground Injuries and Shel's Shorts. Gruesome Playground is a story about two childhood friends, Doug and Kayleen as they compare scars, cuts and scrapes over 30 years. Performances Feb. 25 at 8 p.m., Feb. 27 at 8 p.m., Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. Shel's Shorts is a collection of short plays. Performances Thursday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m., Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. All performances are held on the BSU campus in the Rondelleau Campus Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for students with ID, senior citizens, youth, and military with ID; \$15 for the general public. Tickets are available at the door or at bsubam2015.brownpapertickets.com, at 508-531-1321 or boxoffice@bridgew.edu for information. Visit online at arts.bridgew.edu.

**Book & Collections Clubs.** Duxbury Rural and Historical Society pairs books of historic interest with objects from the museum collections. These discussions take place in the Double Parlor at the Nathaniel Winsor Jr. House (1807), 479 Washington St., Duxbury at 3 p.m. "Flying Cloud" by David Shaw. DRHS members, free; \$5 a session for non-members. Reservations suggested: 781-934-6106 or email colson@duxburyhistory.org, duxburyhistory.org/events.

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**Audition for Oliver** with The Massasoit Theatre Company. Children ages 6 and up from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children's sheet music downloadable at the following link: http://www.massasoit.mass.edu/buckley/documents/Oliver-Auditions.pdf. Adults from 2 to 5 p.m. Prepare 16-32 bars of a musical theatre piece in the style of the show. Seeking a large adult ensemble of varying ages and abilities. Accompanist will be provided. Bring sheet music in proper key. Call backs on March 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. 508-588-9100, ext. 1982, mrochettau@massasoit.mass.edu

**Good People** presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 182 Commercial St., Braintree. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$20. Reservations recommended calling 781-356-5113 or send via email to tickets@curtaincallbraintree.org. Cash or check only. Credit or debit cards are not accepted. curtaincallbraintree.org

**Cystic Fibrosis Foundation benefit** at The Spire, 25 1/2 Court St., Plymouth, 7:30 p.m., tickets \$25 at spirecenter.org.

**Alida House Concert Series.** Enjoy saxophone-piano duet in celebration of Black History Month in casual home setting. Braintree from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. BYOB. Suggested donation for musicians \$20. Go to www.grouppmuse.com or www.facebook.com/alidahousemusicseries to register and for more information.

**Jonathan Edwards** at The Norwood Theatre, 109 Central St., Norwood at 8 p.m. Edwards is known

around the world for his 1972 hit "Sunshine (Go Away Today)". Tickets are \$36 - \$38 for adults, \$34 - \$36 for seniors, and \$43 for premium seats. Tickets can be purchased at www.norwoodstage.com, 781-551-9000 or at box office. The box office is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon and 3 to 5 p.m.

**B-Sides** at The Banner Pub, 167 Union St., Rockland. 781-878-8717, thebannerpub.com.

**Little Paul Show** at The Great Chow, 497 Bedford St., Route 18, Abington. 781-871-8832, greatchow.com.

**Heavy Metal Show** at C-Note, 159 Nantasket Avenue, Hull. 781-925-4300, cnotehull.com.

**Jay Psaros** at Stars on Hingham Harbor, 2 Otis St., Route 3A, Hingham. 781-749-3200, starshingham.com.

**Gunpowder and Lead** at Hajjar's, 969 Washington St., Weymouth. 781-340-1870, hajjars.net

**Syd Slacks** at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-340-1300.

**Code 7** at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, thetinkerson.com, 781-561-7361.

**The Joneses** at McGuiggans Pub, 546 Washington St., Whitman, 9:30 p.m. 781-447-7333, mcguigganspub.com.

**Too Loud** at Venus III, 252 Main St., Hanson. 781-293-0000, venus3.com.

**The Guitar Guys** at The Meadow Brook, Hanson, 1486 Main St., Route 27, Hanson. 781-293-7900, meadowbrookhanson.com.

**The Eastwoods** at Ming Dynasty, 752 Plain St., Route 139, Marshfield. 781-834-6691.

**Nico Rivers** at The Tavern, One Proprietors Drive, Marshfield. 781-837-0000.

**Colette O'Connor** at Wildflower Café & Tavern, 8 Chestnut St., Duxbury. 781-934-7814, wildflower-cafe.us/

**Right Turn Clyde** at The Cavern in The New World Tavern, 56 Main St., Plymouth. 508-927-4250.

**The Coinz** at British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. 781-829-6999, britishbeer.com.

**The Sibs** at the British Beer Company, 2294 State Road, Cedarville. 508-888-9756, britishbeer.com.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 1

**All-you-can eat buffet breakfast** from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at Corner Stone Lodge, 585 Washington St., Duxbury, first Sunday of each month. Price is \$7 per adult, \$6 per senior, \$5 per child age 12 and under. If possible, take can tabs to donate for Shriners hospitals. This is open to the public.

**The Gerwick Puppets** return to The Norwood Theatre, 109 Central St., Norwood to perform their show, "Midwinter Magic" at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for children/seniors and \$12 for adults and can be purchased at www.norwoodstage.com, 781-551-9000 or at The Norwood Theatre box office, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to noon and 3 to 5 p.m.

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**Newpoll**, a southern Italian folk ensemble, performs at The Great Pond, Manor Function Hall, 120 Baystate Drive, Braintree from 3 to 4 p.m. Doors open at 2 p.m. Tickets \$20; children under 12 free can be purchased at the door. Presented by Italian American cultural Organization (IACO) 781-843-5095 or southshoreiaco.com

**Classical Guitar Concert** presented by The Hingham Public Library and the Boston Classical Guitar Society featuring guitarist Jose Manuel Lezcano and special guest, soprano Rosa Tamarit Sumalla, in a free concert at 3 p.m. at 66 Leavitt St., Hingham.

**Winter Concert:** A Celebration of French Composers at 3 p.m. at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 330 First Parish Road, Scituate. This afternoon concert will feature musicians: Carol Cybulska, soprano, Elizabeth Dubuisson, piano and harpsichord, David Dubuisson, piano and harpsichord and Beverly Reilly, flute. A reception will follow the program. Admission: \$15; \$10 for seniors/students. Proceeds to benefit the FPUU Pipe Organ Restoration Fund. www.firstparishscituate.org or call 781-545-3324.

**Poetry: The Art of Words**, the Mike Amado Memorial Series, is held at the Plymouth Center for the Arts, at 11 North St., Plymouth. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., the music starts at noon, followed by poetry at 12:45 and an open mike at 1:15. Admission and refreshments are free. www.ptaow.com. Today's feature poets: Mary Kane and Miriam O'Neal.

**South Shore Conservatory's Bay Youth Symphony** will present a winter concert at 3 p.m. at Hingham Middle School Auditorium, 1103 Main St.,

## HOW TO SUBMIT

Planning an event? Send your event information by email to scalendar@wickedlocal.com or by fax to 781-837-4543. Listings must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Email photos as a jpeg attachment at a resolution of at least 200 dpi and no smaller than 3 X 5 inches in size. For more information call 781-837-4518.

Route 228, Hingham. Admission is free for students K-12. Adult tickets are \$10, and may be purchased at the door.

**Nick Pangakis**, 4 p.m. at Waterfront Bar and Grill, 170 Water St., Plymouth. 508-591-8393.

## MONDAY, MARCH 2

**Underwater photography exhibit** by Hingham resident, Bill Lytle, in the Hingham Public Library's Clemens Gallery through March 26. An artist's reception will be held today from 3 to 5 p.m. at 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. The reception is open to the public.

**Italian-American Cultural Organization of the South Shore** meets at 7 p.m. at Grove Manor, Braintree. Guest speaking is Frank Realin. He will speak about his life journey as an Italian immigrant who grew up Boston and witnessed first hand social injustice and discrimination. He will share these experiences and how they motivated him to write his book. Visit www.frankrealin.com for more information. Refreshments. General public and visitors are always welcomed.

**Audition for A Little Night of Music** with Curtain Call Theatre, 182 Commercial St., Braintree at 7 p.m. For more information visit curtaincallbraintree.org

## TUESDAY, MARCH 3

**Techie Tuesdays** at Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Today: Introduction to Online Library Resources from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Learn about all of the free, online library resources that you have access to.

**Open mike with Jackson Wetherbee** at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, thetinkerson.com, 781-561-7361.

**Jazz at Martini's**, Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. at Martini's, 50 Court St., Plymouth, featuring the Kenny Wenzel jazz group. Kenny Wenzel plays trombone and flute; drummer is Gene Roma. Call 774-773-9782 or visit martinisplymouth.com for information.

**Acoustic trio** of Mike Rahman, Stevey Burke and Ryan Souza at, 8 p.m. at Waterfront Bar and Grill, 170 Water St., Plymouth. 508-591-8393

**Dave Foley** performs at the British Beer Company, 6 Middle St., Plymouth. 508-747-1776, britishbeer.com.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

**Audition for A Little Night of Music** with Curtain Call Theatre, 182 Commercial St., Braintree at 7 p.m. For more information visit curtaincallbraintree.org

**Waterwatch Lecture Series.** Rising Seal Populations. Dr. Gordon Waring and Stephanie Wood, NOAA Fisheries Science Center. After being severely depleted by bounty programs in the early 1900s, gray and harbor seal populations are growing in New England. This increase in seals has resulted in worries over increased shark interactions and competition for fish while others enjoy "seal watching" and view these increases as positive. Through aerial and tagging surveys scientists studying their populations and behaviors will show us where their populations are increasing. Admission is free. The lectures are at the South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane, Norwell at 7 p.m. every Wednesday night through March 18. nsrwa.org.

**Open mike with Mother Nature** at The Banner Pub, 167 Union St., Rockland. 781-878-8717, thebannerpub.com.

**Cadillac Walk** original blues band, every Wednesday at Shanty Rose Pub, 16 Town Wharf, Plymouth.

**Jason Cardinal** at British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke. 781-829-6999 or visit britishbeer.com.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 5

**Breakfast with Weymouth Mayor Sue Kay** from 7:45 to 9 a.m. She will address the Weymouth business community in an event hosted by the Weymouth Chamber of Commerce at the Weymouth Elk's Hall, 1197 Washington Street. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at www.veymouthchamber.org; click on the "signature events" tab for March 5th or call 617-479-1111.

**Animal Signs and Tracking:** Duxbury presented by Mass Audubon from 3 to 4 p.m. at North Hill Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Mayflower Street in Duxbury. Admission is free. Preregistration is re-

quired, at www.massaudubon.org/southshore or 781-837-9400.

**Chefs Cooking for Hope**, Mayflower Brewing Company of Plymouth will participate in the Friends of Dana-Farber's 17th annual Chefs Cooking for Hope from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at 125 High St. in Boston. Enjoy a night on the town with friends as you sip award-winning wine and sample signature specialties from Boston's most popular restaurants. Tickets are \$125 and all proceeds benefit adult and pediatric cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 617-632-3909 or visit www.dana-farber.org/friends. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

**Karaoke with Mark Shaom** at The Banner Pub, 167 Union St., Rockland. 781-878-8717, thebannerpub.com.

**Toni Lynn Washington** on vocals with The Willie J Laws Band. Followed by open mike with Willie J Laws. Jamers invited and welcome. Free pizza at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-340-1300.

**Open mike with Erin Dale and Mark Darling** at Wildflower Café & Tavern, 8 Chestnut St., Duxbury. 781-934-7814, wildflowercafe.us/

**Downeast Cider Tasting** at 5 p.m. at The New World Tavern, 56 Main St., Plymouth. 508-927-4250.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 6

**Lenten Chowder Suppers** to resume Fridays March 6 to April 3 at United Church of Christ in Abington, Parish Hall of the Church, 10 Bedford St., Route 18 from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. The suppers are served cafeteria style. Diners are given a choice of New England style fish, clam or corn chowder, assorted sandwiches, desserts and beverages. For a full meal the cost is \$8; a mini-meal consisting of chowder, beverage and a sandwich or dessert is \$6; a bowl of chowder only is \$5. Take-out suppers are also available. 781-878-0199.

**Hingham artist Susan Ahearn** will exhibit her paintings at the James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St in Norwell March 6 to 28. The public is invited to the free opening reception tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. 781-659-7100, jameslibrary.org or susanahearnart.com

**Literary Luncheon** series, today honoring Hingham-based author, photographer and Boston Globe photojournalist Bill Brett and his recently released book "Boston, Irish" at noon at the Mirbeau Inn's Henri-Marie restaurant, in the Pinehills in Plymouth. A three-course menu of Irish-inspired dishes will be prepared by Mirbeau Executive Chef Stephen Coe. The luncheon is \$65 and seating will open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served from noon to 2 p.m., followed by a book signing. The author's book will also be available on site for purchase. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Westwinds Bookshop at 781-934-2128. Tables of 10 for book clubs may also be reserved and seating is limited. For more information visit www.westwindsbookshop.com.

**Good People** presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 182 Commercial St., Braintree. 8 p.m. Tickets \$20. Reservations recommended by calling 781-356-5113 or send via email to tickets@curtaincallbraintree.org. Cash or check only. Credit or debit cards are not accepted. curtaincallbraintree.org

**Hull Lifesaving Museum's Snow Ball**, at Nantasket Beach Resort, 145 Hull Shore Drive, Hull from 7 to 11 p.m. Live entertainment from The Dons, cash bar and raffle, silent and live auction items in an ultra casual get together. Tickets \$20 per ticket; \$30 per couple.

**The Cheryl Arena Band** at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-340-1300.

**Grammy award winner Marc Cohn** performs at The River Club Music Hall, 78 Border St., Scituate. 8 p.m. For ticket info call 339-236-6786 or visit theriverclubmusicall.com

**Splash of Blues** at The Great Chow, 497 Bedford St., Route 18, Abington. 781-871-8832, greatchow.com.

**Mission of Blues** at Ming Dynasty, 752 Plain St., Route 139, Marshfield. 781-834-6691.

**Jay Psaros** at The Olde Hitching Post, 48 Spring St., Hanson. 7 p.m. 781-447-2592.

**Matt Putman** at The Meadow Brook, Hanson, 1486 Main St., Route 27, Hanson. 781-293-7900, meadowbrookhanson.com.

**Gunpowder and Lead** in the Cavern at The New World Tavern, 56 Main St., Plymouth. 508-927-4250.

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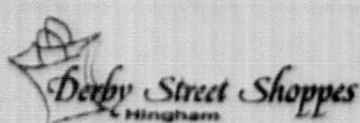
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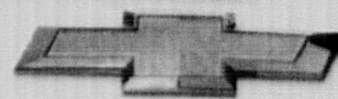
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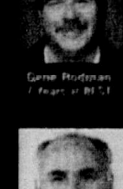
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